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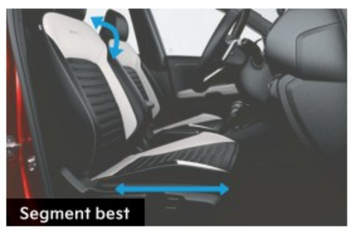

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40 killed in U.S. air strikes in Iraq, Syria

U.S. retaliates for the attack on its troops in Jordan last weekend by Iran-backed militants; Tehran calls attack a strategic mistake

Reuters
WASHINGTON/BAGHDAD

Fighting ravages: A destroyed building at the site of a U.S. air strike in Al-Qaim of Iraq on Saturday. REUTERS

The United States launched air strikes in Iraq and Syria against more than 85 targets linked to Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and militias it backs, reportedly killing nearly 40 people, in retaliation for a deadly attack on U.S. troops.

The strikes, which included the use of long-range B-1 bombers flown from the U.S., were the first in response to the attack last weekend in Jordan by Iran-backed militants, and more U.S. military operations are expected in the coming days.

The strikes intensified a conflict that has spread into the region since war erupted between Israel and Hamas after the militant Palestinian group's deadly assault on Israel on October 7. The strikes hit targets including command and control centres, rockets, missiles and drone storage facilities, as well as logistics and munition supply chain facilities, the U.S. military said.

In Syria, the strikes killed 23 people who had been guarding the targeted locations, said Rami Abdulrahman, director of the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

In Iraq, residents said several strikes hit the Sikak neighbourhood in Al-Qaim, a residential area that local people said was also used by armed groups to store weapons. Militants had left the area and gone into hiding in the days since the Jordan attack, local sources said.

'Iraq was informed'

The White House said the U.S. had informed Iraq ahead of strikes. Baghdad later accused the U.S. of deception, saying a U.S. claim of coordination with the Iraqi authorities was "unfounded".

Iran called the attack a strategic mistake by the U.S. while Iraq summoned the U.S. envoy in Baghdad.

U.S. Lieutenant-General Douglas Sims, the director of the Joint Staff, said the attacks appeared to be successful, triggering large secondary explosions as the bombs hit militant weaponry. He said the strikes were undertaken knowing that there would likely be casualties.

Despite the strikes, the Pentagon has said it does not want war with Iran and does not believe Tehran wants war either, even as Republican pressure has increased on U.S. President Joe Biden to deal a blow directly.

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Court permits Hemant Soren to attend vote of confidence

Amit Bhelari
RANCHI

Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren will participate in the trust vote in the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly on February 5, after a special PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act) court granted his request on Saturday.

Mr. Soren, who represents the Barhait Assembly constituency in Sahibganj district, had appealed to the court earlier in the day, to allow him to vote in the new government's floor test, as a member of the Jharkhand Assembly. PMLA special judge Dinesh Rai gave the order allowing him to participate.

To win the vote of confidence, the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)-led ruling alliance will need the support of 41 MLAs. In their letter of support submitted to Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan, 43 MLAs have signed. The total strength of the Jharkhand Assembly stands at 80, after the recent resignation of JMM MLA Sarfaraz Ahmad.

Hemant Soren

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BJP veteran Advani to be awarded the Bharat Ratna

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

Former Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani, helmsman of the Rath Yatra that catapulted the movement for the Ayodhya Ram Temple to national prominence, will be given the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on Saturday.

In 2015, he was awarded the Padma Vibhushan, India's second highest civilian honour.

The Prime Minister called Mr. Advani after the decision was made and congratulated him.

"One of the most respected statesmen of our times, his contribution to the development of India is monumental. His is a life that started from working at the grassroots to serving the nation as our Deputy Prime Minister," Mr. Modi posted on X.

The announcement comes 10 days after social-ist leader Karpoori Thakur was accorded the same honour posthumously, completing the circle from the politics of the 1990s, which were dominated by the social justice and Ram Temple movements.

Moment of joy: L.K. Advani's daughter Pratibha shares sweets with him after the award was announced on Saturday. ANI

'Honour for principles'

Reacting to the award, Mr. Advani released a statement acknowledging that it was an honour, not just personally but also for his "ideals and principles".

"Ever since I joined the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) as its volunteer at the age of 14, I have sought reward in only one thing - in dedicated and selfless service of my beloved country," the 96-year-old leader said, adding that he was inspired by the motto "*Edam na mama* (This life is not mine)".

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Bengaluru is 6th most congested city in world

BENGALURU
In 2023, Bengaluru was adjudged the sixth most congested city in the world in terms of traffic on its streets, as per the traffic index from TomTom, a Dutch location technology firm. » PAGE 3

Second KFD death in State this year

SHIVAMOGGA
One more person has died due to Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), increasing the death toll to two this year. The man died in a private hospital at Manipal in Udupi district. » PAGE 8

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'Move' on UAS-B bifurcation draws ire

B.S. Satish Kumar
BENGALURU

The reported move by the government to bifurcate the prestigious University of Agricultural Sciences-Bengaluru (UAS-B) to carve out a new university of agricultural sciences, Mandya, has created a flutter among agricultural scientists and academicians with many including retired Vice-Chancellors fearing that it may prove detrimental to the interests of both the universities.

Interestingly, it comes ahead of the Lok Sabha polls when Mandya has already become a hotbed of politics.

According to sources, official preparations have begun on the proposed bifurcation and an announcement on the new varsity may be made in State Budget to be presented this month.

First farm varsity

The UAS-B, which is the State's first agricultural university set up in 1967, presently has jurisdiction over 10 districts of Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Kolar, Chickballapura, Ramanagara, Mandya, Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Hassan, and Tumakuru.

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Poetry in motion: A photographic monograph *Starling* released by the Danish photographer Søren Solkær. He has clicked the birds in symphony in Denmark, England, Ireland, Italy, and the Netherlands.

Starling murmurations

Scientists have advanced various theories as well as have drawn inspiration from this and other similar behaviour to design swarming robots that can do many things from coordinate disaster relief to fight cancer

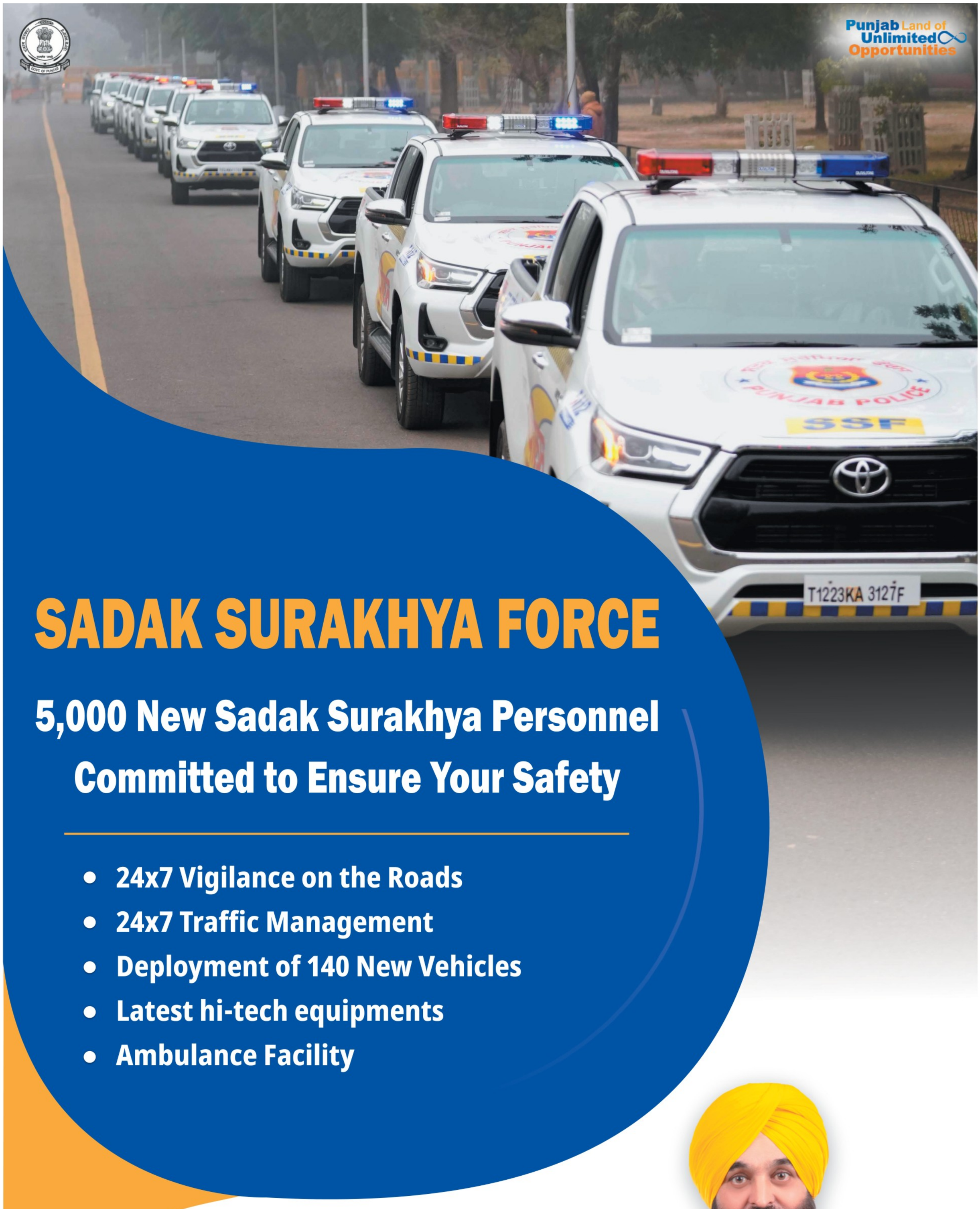
The Danish photographer Søren Solkær released his photographic monograph *Starling* on December 26, 2023. It is an exploration of starlings, which are passerine (perching) birds belonging to the family *Sturnidae*.

A starling is a fairly unremarkable bird in isolation, but when starlings swarm, thousands of them come together to form a swirling, undulating cloud - an awesome new life-like thing suspended in the air - called a murmuration. Every starling involved in this enthralling formation is simply tailing the flight of a few birds around it, but as thousands follow this deceptively simple 'rule', the murmuration as a whole acquires its hypnotic fluidic quality.

We don't really know why starlings flock in this way. Scientists have advanced various theories, including to monitor, confuse or escape hawks and falcons - their predators - as well as have drawn inspiration from this and other similar behaviour to design swarming robots that can do many things from coordinate disaster relief to fight cancer.

Mr. Solkær has photographed starling murmurations in Denmark, England, Ireland, Italy, and the Netherlands; his new monograph has 138 images. He has also been examining the cellular peculiarities of starling feathers at the University of Copenhagen. His work is available at sorensolkaer.shop.

(Text by Vasudevan Mukunth)



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Forest Dept. staffer robbed, killed on moving train

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 50-year-old stenographer working in Aranya Bhavan was robbed on a moving train and murdered while she was returning home from Shivamogga to the city after attending official work on Tuesday night.

The deceased, Annapoorna G., had gone for invigilation work for the Forest Department exam held in Shivamogga and was returning home in a compartment reserved for women, which was reportedly empty. Annapoorna's brother Bhamhanand Ranade, who was travelling with her to the city, was in a general compartment which was full. After the train reached the city, he tried to call Annapoorna, but her mobile phone was switched off. Thinking that she might have gone home, Bramhanand went to attend official work and later learned that Annapoorna had not returned home and filed a complaint.

Meanwhile, the railway police recovered the body of a woman on the railway tracks near Hirehalli village in Tumakuru and identified the body. The police later recovered the mobile phone, which was switched off, along with a bag containing the clothes of Annapoorna. The earrings, *mangalya* chain, and pair of bangles were missing, which led the police to suspect that she was robbed and pushed out of a train when she probably tried to resist the robbery. The city railway police have taken up a case of robbery and murder.

Vocal concert today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Sapthak Bangalore and Surmandal Hyderabad are jointly organising a vocal concert on Sunday by Shivani Mirajkar Jain. The programme 'Mohan Naman' is a musical tribute to the late Mohan Hemmadi, a patron of music, art, and culture, and social worker. It will be held at Canara Union, 8th Main Road, Malleswaram at 5.30 p.m.

CEN stations understaffed; personnel to be augmented over two years

There are eight such stations in the city and each of them booked at least over a thousand cybercrime cases in 2023

CAUGHT IN A WEB

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah recently announced that each of the Cybercrime, Economic offences, Narcotics (CEN) police stations, which are at the forefront of fighting cybercrimes in the city, will henceforth be headed by an Assistant Commissioner of Police. While this was welcomed as "strengthening cybercrime investigations", a reality check at these stations reveals they are woefully understaffed.

The city police have started to register cybercrime cases in law and order police stations as well, reducing the caseload at CEN stations. REUTERS

Cases and their status

	Cases registered	Detected	Under investigation
Central	1,000	57	552
West	1,026	29	657
North	2,921	230	2,510
South	1,772	205	961
East	1,202	37	966
North-east	1,509	192	952
South-east	1,613	281	1,326
Whitefield	1,249	48	1,159
Total	**12,292**	**1,079**	**9,083**

Staff strength

CEN police station	Inspector	Sub-inspector	Assistant sub-inspector	Head constable	Constable
Sanctioned strength	8	16	-	-	24
Augmentation in 2023-24	-	16	24	48	116
Augmentation in 2024-25	-	16	24	48	116
Total	8	48	48	96	256

20 personnel

There are eight CEN stations in the city, one each in every police division, and each of these stations booked at least over a thousand cybercrime cases in 2023. This is after the city police began to register cybercrime cases in law and order police stations as well, reducing the caseload at CEN stations. However, on average, each of these CEN stations has just around 20 personnel.

"Of them, on average, only 10 personnel are available for investigations, as others are needed for administrative works such as registering FIRs, and following up on court matters. How can 10 persons investigate over 1,000 cybercrime cases in a year? These investigations are challenging and are laborious work that often involves travelling to several places across the country. This paucity of human resources will reflect in the quality of investigations," said an inspector heading a CEN station in the city.

'The biggest challenge'

Not just quality, paucity of human resources, which multiple senior officials probing cybercrime cases said was the "biggest challenge", is also reflected in the number of investigations. Out of 12,292 cybercrime cases registered at eight CEN stations in the city in 2023, only 1,079 have been detected and a whopping 9,083 cases (nearly 91%) are still "under investigation". To avoid CEN stations being overwhelmed, Police Commissioner B. Dayananda has now categorised cybercrimes by *modus operandi* and formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by a Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) to probe these cases. "These SITs have streamlined our cybercrime investigations and even our field visits, which was earlier a big drain on our resources. Now we visit these cybercrime hotspots like say Bharatpur (in Rajasthan) or Nuh (in Haryana) investigating a bunch of similar cases," a senior official said.

Augmentation

The State government has approved an increase in the strength of Bengaluru City Police by another 2,000 personnel and the process has begun. The first batch is already under training and will join the force soon. Using these additional resources, staff strength of CEN stations will also be augmented, sources said.

"Once the new batches come in over the next two years, the strength of each of these CEN stations will go up to nearly 60 personnel," said Mr. Dayananda.

A senior CEN official said that the new augmented strength would be a shot in the arm for the CEN stations.

"Given the kind of caseload we have and the upward trend we are seeing, this will also fall short. But it is definitely far better than what we have today. We will at least stop being overwhelmed and start trying to tame the beast," the official said.

To drive home a message

Life-size sculptures of elephants made from the sticks of invasive weed lantana — crafted by indigenous artists from villages around Mudumalai and M.M. Hills — are on display at Lalbagh in Bengaluru under the theme 'Coexistence: The Great Elephant Migration'. K. MURALI KUMAR

Woman sentenced to four years in jail for kidnapping infant

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

A Mangaluru court sentenced a 40-year-old resident of Malleswaram in Bengaluru to four years of simple imprisonment on finding her guilty of kidnapping a seven-month-old baby boy from Mangaluru Junction Railway Station in 2017.

The second Additional District and Sessions Judge Preethi K.P. sentenced 40-year-old Rabiya alias Fathima to undergo four-year simple imprisonment for the offence punishable under Section 363 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Rabiya was also directed to pay a fine of ₹10,000. In default of payment of the fine, she has to undergo one-month simple imprisonment, the Judge said.

According to the chargesheet, one Shamshad filed a complaint with the Kankanady police that she had left her seven-month-old son on the platform of Mangaluru Junction Railway station and proceeded to beg on January 12, 2017. When she returned a few minutes later on the day, her son was missing. She suspected that her child was kidnapped.

Three years later, Shamshad heard her son was with Rabiya - the woman with whom she lived earlier – at Azam Darga in Mandi Police Station limits of Mysuru district. She went to the place and saw her son with Rabiya. As she was quarrelling with Rabiya, the Mysuru police rushed to the spot and took the two women and child to their custody. All three were handed over to Kankanady police.

The Kankanady police secured blood samples of Shamshad, Rabiya and the child and sent the same to Forensic Science Laboratory in Bengaluru for DNA test. The test revealed Shamshad was the biological mother of the child. The police arrested Rabiya and the chargesheet was filed.

HC issues guidelines to BBMP to prevent construction of buildings without approval

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Issuing guidelines to prevent the construction of buildings either without an approved plan or deviating from the sanctioned plan, the High Court of Karnataka has directed that the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) should mandate that the owners/architects/supervisors of the buildings file affidavits at various stages of construction to declare/certify that structures are constructed as per the sanctioned plan.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj laid down the steps to be followed by the BBMP to prevent illegal constructions after noticing that though the BBMP has adopted a memorandum of procedure along with detailed methodology to act against illegal constructions, it is lacking in preventive measures.

While laying down elaborate steps to be adopted by the BBMP, the court said the owners/architects/supervisors will have to file affidavits after the completion of the foundation and footing; after the construction of columns; and after the roof of each floor is put up. However, the affidavits will have to be filed mandatorily every three months irrespective of whether these stages of construction have been completed during such periods, the court clarified.

Before the grant of any plan sanction, the court said, when an application for plan sanction is made, BBMP authorities have to secure the contact details of the applicant, the architect, and the supervisor of construction, including the complete postal address (both residential and official), mobile numbers, e-mail IDs, WhatsApp number, Telegram number, etc.

Once the plan is sanctioned, periodical inspection should be conducted once in 30 days by the ward officer/engineer concerned and a report has to be filed detailing the nature of the inspection carried out, the compliance with the plan sanctioned or any violation of the plan sanctioned, the court said.

In the event of there being any violation, the court said, notice has to be issued immediately to the owners/builders or the person who has obtained the plan sanction, notifying the deviations and calling upon them to remove the said deviations, in terms of Section 248 [demolition or alteration of buildings unlawfully commenced, carried on or completed] of the BBMP Act, 2020.

Integration of database

The court also said that the database of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board and the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company will have to be integrated with the BBMP database. Both the BWSSB and Bescom will have to intimate the BBMP whenever there is any electricity connection sanctioned temporarily or permanently, water connection sanctioned temporarily or permanently, which can be cross-checked with the database of the BBMP to ascertain if there is a plan sanction for that particular property, the court said.

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BEFORE THE 28th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL, BANGALORE, (CCH- 29)

P & S.C. No.25024/2020 Hg: 19/2/2024

PETITIONER:-

MR. LLEWELLYNE PASCAL EMMANUEL REGO, aged 68 years, Advocate, son of late Gladwyne Maurice Rego, Presently residing at No. 22/2, Brunton Road, Cross, Bengaluru – 560 025, Mobile No.9845004670.

- VERSUS -

RESPONDENT/S:-

1) MRS. CORINNE WINIFRED REGO, aged 87 years, widow of the late Gladwyne Maurice Rego, presently residing at #1/A, "Stanmore Apartments", No. 9, Vittal Mallya Road, 1st Cross, Bengaluru- 560 001, Landline- 080 22240990

2) MRS. MARLENE LUCY D'CUNHA (nee) REGO, aged 67 years, daughter of late Gladwyne Maurice Rego, wife of Commodore Ian D'cunha, presently residing at D-3, Rustumji Apartments No.30, Norris Road, Langford Town, Bengaluru- 560 025, Mobile-9980493963,

3) DR. ROBIN MICHAEL REGO, aged 66 years, Son of late Gladwyne Maurice Rego, presently residing at Flat 129, Entrance 1038 Road 1124, Muharraq 0211 Muharraq Governorate, Kingdom of Bahrain, And also at #1/A, "Stanmore Apartments", No. 9, Vittal Mallya Road, 1st Cross, Bengaluru- 560 001,Mobile No. +973 33117881

4) MRS. JEAN ANTOINETTE ABREO (NEE) REGO, aged 64 years, daughter of late Gladwyne Maurice Rego, and wife of Winston Anthony Abreo, presently residing at No.144, Hillcroft Drive, Markham, Ontario- L3S1G2 Canada And also at #1/A, "Stanmore Apartments", No. 9, Vittal Mallya Road, 1st Cross, Bengaluru- 560 001, Mobile No. +(416) 4548997

5) MR. ELWIN JOSEPH REGO, aged 60 years, Son of late Gladwyne Maurice Rego presently residing at 5750 Kippen Drive, East Amherst NY 14051, United States of America, And also at #1/A, "Stanmore Apartments", No. 9, Vittal Mallya Road, 1st Cross, Bengaluru- 560 001, Mobile No. +1 (716) 6280523

6) MRS. CHRISTINE L. M. POCHA (NEE) REGO, aged 53 years, daughter of late Gladwyne Maurice Rego, Wife of Nauzer D. Pocha presently residing at No.86, Fitzgerlad Avenue, Markham, Ontario- L3R 4Z7, Canada And also at #1/A, "Stanmore Apartments", No. 9, Vittal Mallya Road, 1st Cross, Bengaluru- 560 001, Mobile No. +1(64) 8680303

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been made to this Court under Part X, Section 372 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, for grant of a SUCCESSION CERTIFICATE to claim, collect and dispose of the Schedule mentioned financial securities and movable assets of the deceased **Dr. Sylvan John Rego.**

SCHEDULE - SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL SECURITIES AND ASSETS

A) FIXED DEPOSITS AND BANK ACCOUNTS :-

I) **CANARA BANK**, Bangalore Cantonment Branch,No.88, Mahatma Gandhi Road,Bengaluru-560 0001
Now at Spencer's Towers,No.86, M.G.Road,Bangalore-560 001
a) Savings Bank Account No.0404101534835, Balance as on 31/10/2016 — **Rs.67,565.10p**
b) Kamadhenu Deposit General Amount Deposited: Rs.50,000/- Date of deposit: 16/12/2011 Receipt No. 10-CDNP091067Customer ID: 2919436 — **Rs.72,721.00p**
c) Kamadhenu Deposit GeneralAmount Deposited: Rs.50,000/-Date of deposit: 19/12/2012 Receipt No. SNSA354690Customer ID: 2919436 — **Rs. 72,721.00p**
d) Kamadhenu Deposit GeneralAmount Deposited: Rs.74,000/-Date of deposit: 16/5/2016 Receipt No. KF070872Customer ID: 2919436 — **Rs. 79,763.00p**
SUB TOTAL — **Rs.2,92,770.10p**

II) **BANK OF BARODA** (H.O: Mandir, BarodaSt John's Medical CollegeBengaluru-560 034
a) **Savings Account No. 05210100000857** Customer Id: 004090358 Balance as on 16/11/2017 — **Rs.13,73,628.55p**
b) **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER RIRD SCHEME** Amount deposited: Rs.1,97,618/- Date of deposit: 24/5/2007Receipt No. TDR/2012/VV-475103Customer Reference No. 004090358 — **Rs.2,50,926.00**
c) **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER RIRD SCHEME** Amount deposited: Rs.76,607/- Date of deposit: 11/1/2011Receipt No. TDR/2012/VV-475104Customer Reference No.068492438 — **Rs.99,695.00**
d) **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER TD150 SCHEME** Amount deposited: Rs.59,549/- Date of deposit: 15/12/2010 Receipt No. TBM/TDR/2008/H-810516 Customer Reference No. 004102947 — **Rs.1,18,908.00**
e) **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER RIRD SCHEME**Amount deposited: Rs.78,874/-Date of deposit: 28/12/2005Receipt No. TDR/2012/VV-472142Customer Reference No. 004103147 — **Rs.1,37,312.00**
f) **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER TD150 SCHEME**Amount deposited: Rs.57,348/-Date of deposit: 15/12/2010Receipt No. TBM/TDR/2008/H-810517Customer Reference No. 004102947 — **Rs.1,04,414.00**
g) **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER RIRD SCHEME** Amount deposited: Rs.1,00,000/-Date of deposit: 21/12/2012Receipt No. TDR/2011/LL 970256Customer Reference No. 004090358 — **Rs.1,48,149.00**
h) **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER TD150 SCHEME** Amount deposited: Rs.1,00,000/- Date of deposit: 24/6/2011 Receipt No. TDR/2010/J138871 Customer Reference No. 004090358 — **Rs.1,82,358.00**
i) **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER TD101 SCHEME** Amount deposited: Rs.54,337/-Date of deposit: 16/4/2008 Receipt No. TBM/TDR/99/A0810292 Customer Reference No. 004103155 — **Rs.1,41,298.00**
j) **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER RIRD SCHEME**Amount deposited: Rs.1,00,000/-Date of deposit: 24/5/2007 Receipt No. TBM/TDR/99/A0809570 Customer Reference No. 004090358 — **Rs.2,50,926.00**
k) **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER TD101 SCHEME** Amount deposited: Rs.1,00,000/- Date of deposit: 19/1/2009Receipt No. TBM/TDR/99/A0811027 Customer Reference No. 004090358 — **Rs.2,15,342.00**
l) **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER TD101 SCHEME**Amount deposited: Rs.1,00,000/-Date of deposit: 15/1/2009Receipt No.TBM/TDR/99/A0811019Customer Reference No. 004090358 — **Rs.2,13,955.00**
m) **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER FDR SCHEME** Amount deposited: Rs.30,000/- Date of deposit: 20/1/2003Receipt No. TBM/TDR/99/A0806989Customer Reference No. 1506 — **Rs.99,695.00**
n) **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER RIRD SCHEME**Amount deposited: Rs.2,00,000/-Date of deposit: 3/1/2017Receipt No. TDR/2012/VV475590 Customer Reference No. 004090358 — **Rs.2,29,776.00p**
o) **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER RIRD SCHEME** Amount deposited: Rs.2,00,000/- Date of deposit: 4/1/2017 Receipt No. TDR/2012/VV-475595 Customer Reference No. 004090358 — **Rs.2,29,776.00p**
SUB TOTAL — **RS.37,96,158.55**

III) **BANK OF BARODA** (H.O: Mandir, BarodaBrigade RoadBengaluru-560 001
1) **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER TD150 SCHEME** Amount deposited: Rs.45,445/-Date of deposit: 15/2/2011Receipt No. TBM/TDR/2002/B180642Customer Reference No. 003808033 — **Rs.94,188.00**
SUB TOTAL — **RS. 94,188.00**

IV) **STATE BANK OF INDIA** Specialized P B BranchSt Marks Road,Bengaluru-560 001
1 **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER SBI TAX SAVING SCHEME, 2006** Amount deposited: Rs.10,000 Date of deposit: 7/3/2013Account No. 32867888843 — **Rs.15,415/-**
2 **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER SBI TAX SAVING SCHEME, 2006** Amount deposited: Rs.10,000 Date of deposit: 18/4/2013Account No. 32948901524 — **Rs.15,415/-**
3 **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER SBI TAX SAVING SCHEME, 2006** Amount deposited: Rs.13,830 Date of deposit:6/4/2015Account No. 31123374068 — **Rs.20,804/-**
4 **TERM DEPOSIT UNDER SBI TAX SAVING SCHEME, 2006** Amount deposited: Rs.14,822 Date of deposit:11/4/2016Account No. 31706325086 — **Rs.20,687/-**
TOTAL — **Rs.72,321.00**

B) **MOTOR CAR :-**Hyundai i10, Silver Colour, Model-2010Motor Car bearing Registration No. KA 03 MN 8822 — **Rs.2,50,000/-**

C) **TRAVELLERS CHEQUES :-** Issuer: **Travellers Cheque Associates Ltd. under licence of American Express Company**

Sl No.	Number	Cheque No.	Amount	Dated
1	286-695-046	100286-30-1015-06950468-15	GBP 100	30/10/2015
2	286-695-047	100286-30-1015-06950477-15	GBP 100	30/10/2015
3	286-695-048	100286-30-1015-06950486-15	GBP 100	30/10/2015
4	286-695-049	100286-30-1015-06950495-15	GBP 100	30/10/2015
5	286-695-050	100286-30-1015-06950504-15	GBP 100	30/10/2015
6	286-695-051	100286-30-1015-06950513-15	GBP 100	30/10/2015
7	286-695-052	100286-30-1015-06950522-15	GBP 100	30/10/2015
8	286-695-053	100286-30-1015-06950531-15	GBP 100	30/10/2015
9	286-695-054	100286-30-1015-06950540-15	GBP 100	30/10/2015
	SUB TOTAL(Exchange rate of GBP to INR1 GBP = 97.90 INR as on 21/08/2020)			**Rs.88,110/-**

American Express Travellers Cheque issued by American Express Travel Related Services Company Inc, New York, NY

Sl No.	Number	Cheque No.	Amount
1	BL065-269-110	2691106-000005399908-230652691106	Eur 100
2	BL065-269-111	2691106-000005399908-230652691116	Eur 100
3	BL065-269-112	2691106-000005399908-230652691126	Eur 100
4	BL065-269-113	2691106-000005399908-230652691136	Eur 100
	SUB TOTAL(Exchange rate of Euro to INR1 Euro= 88.51 INR as on 21/08/2020)		**Rs.35,404**
	NET TOTAL OF FINANCIAL SECURITIES AND MOVABLE ASSETS		**Rs.46,28951.65p**

Be it known that No Caveat has been entered and the said petition is posted for hearing on 19/2/2024 at 11:00 a.m. Any person/s claiming to have any interest may come and participate in the proceedings before grant of Succession Certificate.

Advocate for Petitioner : **ARJUN REGO,** Advocate,
N-509, Manipal Centre, 47/73, Dickenson Road,
Bangalore-560 042. **Ph No. 9845004670**

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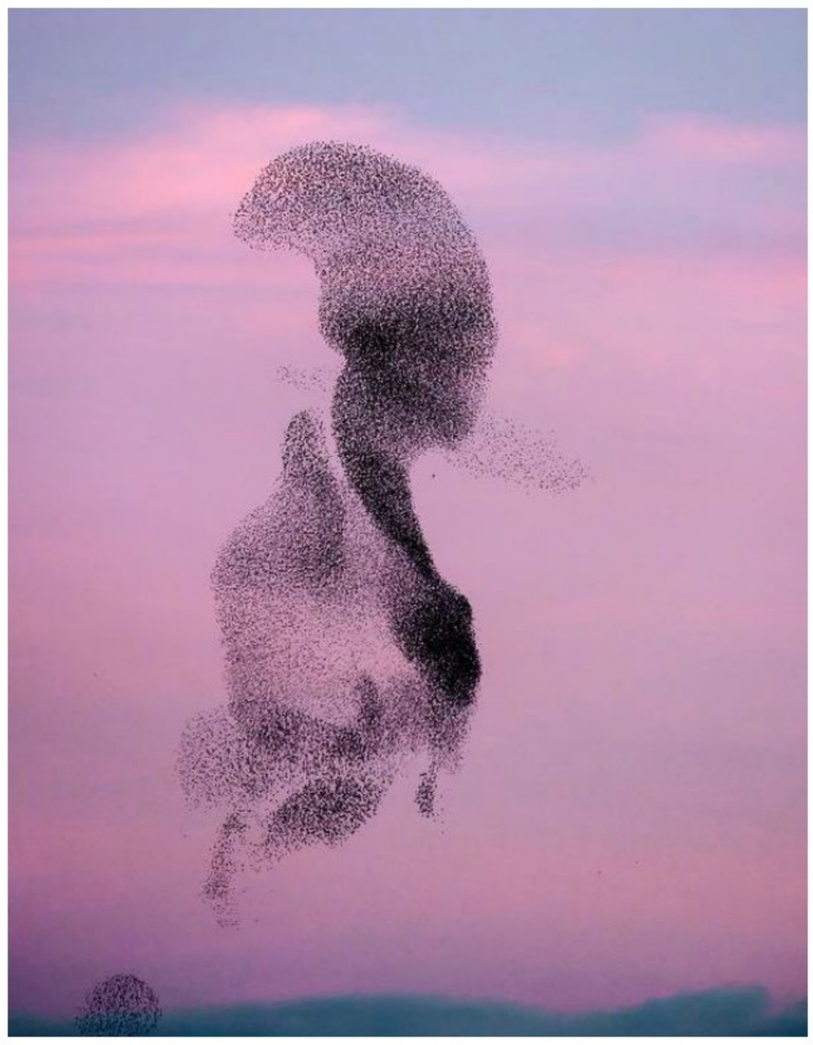

Bengaluru is now in the sixth place in global traffic congestion ranking

It was ranked two in 2022. Police say slight improvement in travel time, average speed due to prioritising traffic management over enforcement

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

In 2023, Bengaluru was adjudged the sixth most congested city in the world in terms of traffic on its streets, as per the traffic index from TomTom, a Dutch location technology firm. However, this marks an improvement in the city's traffic congestion as the same report for 2022 ranked Bengaluru as the second most congested city for that year. Despite this improvement, Bengaluru remained India's most congested city in 2023.

According to the report, the average duration to traverse 10 km in Bengaluru was 28 minutes and 10 seconds in 2023, showing a slight enhancement from the 29 minutes recorded in 2022. The average speed during peak hours in 2023 was 18 kmph, up from 14 kmph in 2022.

The report reveals that an average Bengaluru commuter spent a total of 257 hours on the road during peak hours in 2023, of which 132 hours could be attributed to congestion. Specifically, on Fridays between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., the average time to drive 10 km in Bengaluru was 36 minutes and 20 seconds.

In 2023, the most challenging day for commuting in Bengaluru was September 27, requiring an average travel time of 32 minutes and 50 seconds to cover 10 km. This was the day when the Outer Ring Road was jam-packed.

M.N. Anucheth, Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic, drew attention to the fact that Bengaluru stands alone among the top 10 cities in having decreased the average time to cover 10 km by one minute when compared with 2022. Other cities added more minutes in 2023.

Traffic Index Ranking 2023

World rank	City	Average travel time per 10 km	Change from 2022
1	London	37 min 20 sec	+1 min
2	Dublin	29 min 30 sec	+1 min
3	Toronto	29 min	+50 sec
4	Milan	28 min 50 sec	+20 sec
5	Lima	28 min 30 sec	+1 min 20 sec
6	Bengaluru	28 min 10 sec	-1 min
7	Pune	27 min 50 sec	+30 sec
8	Bucharest	27 min 40 sec	+20 sec
9	Manila	27 min 20 sec	+20 sec
10	Brussels	27 min	+20 sec

Source: TomTom

Five corridors

Mr. Anucheth attributes the improvement to the emphasis on traffic management rather than enforcement. "The entire resource is now deployed for traffic management in the city. Additionally, we have identified five corridors with high traffic density, addressing issues through measures such as adjusting signal timings, relocating bus stands, and leveraging technology to identify congestion factors. Our response mechanism has improved, allowing us to identify and resolve on-ground issues," he added.

In 2023, the most challenging day for commuting in Bengaluru was September 27, requiring an average travel time of 32 minutes and 50 seconds to cover 10 km. This was the day when the Outer Ring Road was jam-packed and internationally renowned stand-up comic Trevor Noah cancelled his show in the city.

As per the report, other congested cities in India include Pune, securing the seventh position worldwide. While Delhi holds the 44th position, Mumbai holds the 54th position in the world rankings.

In 2023, London is in the top position among the world's most congested cities, registering an average speed of 14 kmph during peak hours. It is followed by Dublin in Ireland, Toronto in Canada, Milan in Italy, and Lima in Peru, all with average speeds of 16 kmph, 18 kmph, 17 kmph, and 17 kmph, respectively.

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'Move' on UAS-B bifurcation draws ire

The proposed university is expected to include the districts of Mandya, Mysuru, and Chamarajanagar besides Kodagu from UAS-Shivamogga, while there is no clarity on whether Hassan will be part of it. The move has garnered angry response from prominent academicians on the ground that it would render both the UAS-B and the proposed Mandya university ineffective as the geographical size is not feasible to operate agricultural universities given the present financial constrains.

Former Vice-Chancellor of UAS-B, K. Narayana Gowda, who is also vice-president of Forum of Former Vice-Chancellors of Karnataka, said: "This will not help farmers or the general public in any way. It will hinder the performance of the existing and proposed university. Already UAS-B is reeling under severe shortage of teaching and non-teaching staff to the extent of over 50%, with some work done through temporary or contract staff. In such a situation, formation of a new agricultural university will only increase the overhead costs by 10% to 15% as the new university would need a Vice-Chancellor and top posts like directors and deans," Dr. Gowda observed, commenting on behalf of the forum.

Agri-economist and former chairman of the Karnataka Agricultural Prices Commission T.N. Prakash Kammaradi observed that formation of new university or bifurcation should be based on issues related to agro-ecological regions. "UAS-B presently has jurisdiction on Old Mysore region which has resemblance in agro-climatic issues, agricultural practices, crops, food habits, and culture. In this context, dividing this university to form a new one has no rationale," he argued.

Observing that the reputations of both the universities will get diminished in accordance with the decrease in their geographical influence, he remarked: "Such decisions should not be made on political whims and fancies."

"Presently, UAS-B, which is in the 11th place in terms of academic, research, and agri extension achievements in the country, could have been easily among the top three to five if there was no staff shortage. Even now, we are number one in south India. But we will slip due to non-feasibility of operations if the university is bifurcated," observed another academician, who sought anonymity.

He pointed out that the student strength of UAS-B would reduce to nearly 3,000 from the present 5,000 upon bifurcation. "All these factors would affect the ranking and funding as the university should be among the country's top 50 educational/research institutions of all streams to get global funding," he pointed out. "UAS-B would no longer gets global recognition due to reduction in student strength and number of colleges as well as research stations," he added.

Only 5,000 of 7,500 CCTV cameras installed under Safe City project working in city

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

Out of the 7,500 CCTV cameras installed by the Bengaluru city police under the Safe City project, only 5,000 are working as of now. The remaining 2,500 are expected to become functional by the end of February.

"There are some technical problems with the remaining cameras, and they are being fixed. They will start functioning within a month," a senior police official said.

Even as the police claim that 5,000 cameras are working, citizens from across the city have expressed their disappointment about these cameras being non-functional.

Recently, when a 12-year-old boy went missing from Whitefield, many in the city came together to coordinate the search efforts for the boy. What surprised the volunteers who were directly involved in the search was the fact that most cameras installed by the police were not working.

Ctizens from across Bengaluru have expressed their disappointment about several cameras installed under the Safe City project being non-functional. FILE PHOTO

"The majority of CCTV cameras in Whitefield, Marathahalli, and Outer Ring Road areas are not operational. With footage from just one camera from near Kauvery Hospital, the search team was able to track the missing child better. If all the CCTV cameras were operational, perhaps the child could have been found sooner, along with many who are reported missing every day," said a member of the search team for the boy.

Similarly, the residents of Talaghattapura alleged that all the 40 cameras installed in the locality under the Safe City project are not working. "They are all high-end cameras, but none is working. No one even knows where the feed from the cameras goes," said Vajapeyam Srivatsa of Changemakers of Kanakapura Road.

Residents' initiative

Taking matters into their own hands to have cameras that do not need the involvement of the government, members of the Changemakers of Kanakapura Road pooled in around ₹6 crore to ₹7 crore to procure over a hundred CCTV cameras for Talaghattapura.

"With Talaghattapura's proximity to NICE Road, there were major safety issues near the entry and exit points. We discussed with the local police inspector who said there was a need for around 300 cameras in the locality," Mr. Srivatsa said. Under the project executed entirely by the residents' welfare associations (RWAs), 101 cameras have already been installed while 30 to 40 more are in the pipeline.

As an example, for the importance of the workings of these CCTV cameras, the Talaghattapura police have solved a couple of crimes in the last few months (since before the formal inauguration of the control room in Talaghattapura police station), with the help of these cameras, the residents said. "There was a murder at Chikkegowdapalya and a daylight robbery, and in both cases, the police could recognise the number plates of the vehicles involved and catch the culprits because of these cameras," Mr. Srivatsa said.

With the need for safety measures increasing, many RWAs from the outskirts of the city are taking the same approach of installing CCTV cameras by themselves. Along with this, many local police stations, apartment complexes, educational institutions and commercial establishments have installed CCTV cameras. Further, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the offices of some MLAs have also installed CCTV cameras at various places.

However, the question remains what is the use of safety infrastructure put up under government initiatives, if it is not functional? "CCTVs are meant for safety and security. Yet, when the need to review footage comes up many do not work. How then is this expense of public money to install CCTVs justified? Why are those that are supposed to be using it, such as the police, not acting on fixing this?" asked a resident from Whitefield.

Butcher kills man having affair with wife, surrenders

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Chintamani police were shocked when a man holding a blood-soaked knife entered the station and confessed that he had stabbed a cattle trader to death over an illicit affair with his wife at Tiipu Nagar on Friday.

The police arrested the accused and seized the weapon before rushing to the spot and recover the body of Jabir Pasha.

According to the police, the accused, Mukhtiyar, who worked as a butcher, was enraged over Jabir's affair with his wife. Jabir had allegedly openly claimed to have been having an affair with Mukhtiyar's wife among their common friends.

An enraged Mukhtiyar decided to avenge the insult, confronted Jabir with the knife he was using at work and killed him.

Man arrested, 20 kg marijuana seized

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The railway police arrested a 27-year-old farmer from Odisha and recovered 20.4 kg of marijuana which he had smuggled on a train to the city.

The accused, Kalucharan, a resident of Polasara town in Odisha, had landed at the city railway station and was waiting on platform no. 4 with three bags to go out when an alert police team confronted him. Sensing trouble, Kalucharan started giving evasive replies following which his baggage was checked and the police found 20.4 kg of marijuana worth ₹20.4 lakh.

Timings
BENGALURU

SUNDAY, FEB. 04	
RISE 06:45	SET 18:21
RISE 01:12	SET 12:50
MONDAY, FEB. 05	
RISE 06:45	SET 18:22
RISE 02:08	SET 13:41
TUESDAY, FEB. 06	
RISE 06:45	SET 18:22
RISE 03:08	SET 14:39

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	32	23
Mysuru	33	21
Bengaluru	31	20

Bengaluru Today
31°C A dry weather to prevail. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be slight warm. Night also will be cool and hazy.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be cool with mist and haze. Day will be comfortable. Night will be slight cool and hazy.

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State to start doorstep screening of oral and breast cancers

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

February 4 is observed as World Cancer Day and the theme this year is 'Close the care gap'

Facilitating early detection of oral, breast, and cervical cancers in the population, the State government is all set to roll out 'Gruha Arogya' under which door-to-door screening of these cancers along with other non-communicable diseases (NCDs) will be taken up.

The scheme – which is awaiting the State Cabinet's approval – is likely to be rolled out by the end of this month in eight districts in the initial phase. People aged above 30 in every family in Ramanagara, Tumakuru, Belagavi, Gadag, Ballari, Yadgir, Dakshina Kannada, and Mysuru will be screened.

To create awareness about cancer, February 4 is observed as World Cancer Day. The theme for this year is 'Close the care gap'.

In India, while the leading cancers among males are lung, oral cavity, stomach, colorectum, and oesophagus, in females, cancers of the breast, cervix, ovary, and oral cavity are in leading position.

Srinivasa G., State Deputy Director (Non-Communicable Diseases), told *The Hindu* on Saturday that teams from Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) comprising a community health officer (CHO), ASHA workers, and primary healthcare officers will visit 20 homes each in their jurisdiction on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

"These teams will cover nearly 1,000 homes under each HWC in three months to screen oral and breast cancers (and if they have any symptoms of cervical cancer) along with diabetes and hypertension, on the doorstep of people. If the team detects the possibility of cancer among those screened, they will be referred to the nearest community health centre or taluk hospital for more investigations, confirmation, and further course of treatment. Similarly, people with suspected cases of diabetes and hypertension will receive teleconsultation from doctors, and if confirmed, medication for three months," Dr. Srinivasa said. The CHOs will update any positive case on the NCD portal with their ABHA IDs to create a database of people with these diseases and help them access medicines.

Policemen caught taking bribe

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Lokayukta officials on Saturday arrested a head constable and his junior colleague while they were accepting a bribe from a man for an official favour.

The accused, Rajkumar and Mahadev, attached to the Mandya City traffic police station, had demanded ₹8,000 from Sayyad Sadath to release his vehicle which had been seized in an accident case. The accused, after negotiations, reduced the amount to ₹3,000. Unable to pay the bribe, Sadath filed a complaint with the Lokayukta.

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MUDALIYAR, 23, 152 cms, Dentist, BDS. Lives in Coimbatore. Father is a working professional. Family is financially well off. Looking for a suitable match. Contact: 6366448343

REDDY, 26, 165 cms, Auditor, CA. Lives in Chennai. Father is an Auditor. Family is financially well off. Looking for an affable match. Contact: 6366448344

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BALIJA NAIDU, 28/152cm, Fair, PG, MNC Chennai Ct: 6380984534 / saanvigklr@gmail.com

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SC, 32yrs/152cm, PharmD, Pursuing Ph.D, Divorcee, No kids, Seeks Groom- India & abroad, Caste No bar, ct.9700019949.

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INTERCASTE (BC&FC), Chennai, 45y/ 5'7", IT, BE MS, Divorcee (Short lived marriage; No kids), Clean habits. Seeks Bride. Caste No Bar. Ct: 9790911710

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DEVENDRA KULA Vellar 36, Thrikketta, M.Tech, settled in Trivandrum, Kerala, Senior Engineer in Bharat Electronics, Bangalore, Govt. of India, Caste no bar, Mob: 9446393787

29, BE, Ele,

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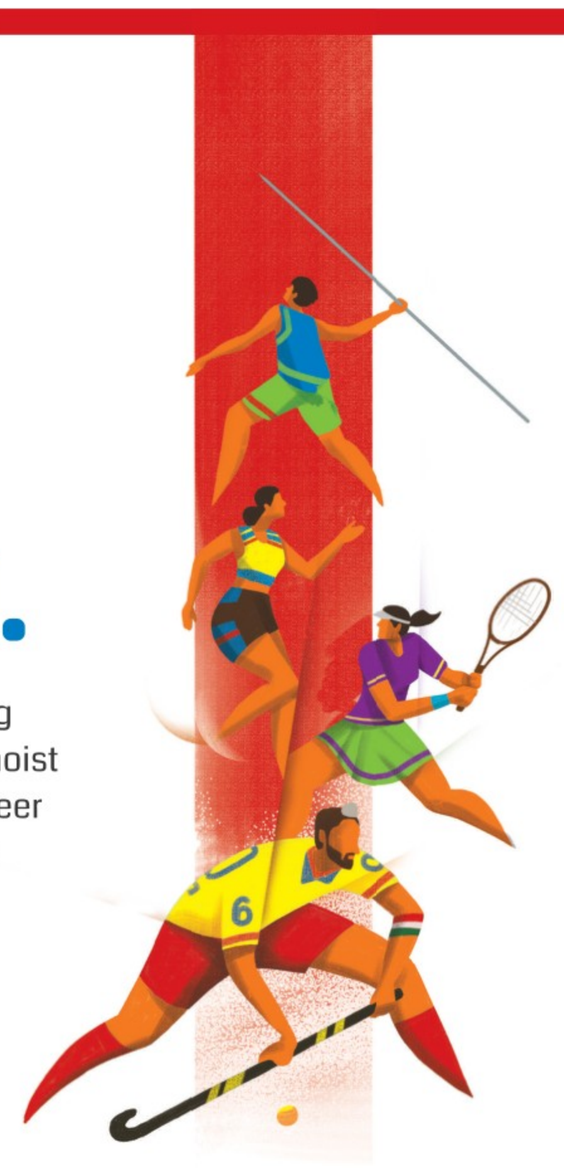

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(BALLARI THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.: KPCL/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT1134 Date: 22.01.2024

CORRIGENDUM-1

Please refer the above tender notification published through e-procurement portal and in this daily on 30.01.2024 for the work of **"Maintenance of Occupational Health Centre (OHC) Services along with ambulance at BTPS for a period of One Year"** following modification is made in Pre-qualification Requirements (PQR), Sl. No. (i) specification (about NSIC/MSE (UDYAM) Clause is removed from the existing tender document. Other terms and conditions remain unaltered. Further details can be obtained from the office of the Medical Officer, BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini-583152. Mob: 9448290785.

BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Offices, Mechanical Engg., Dept., K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027. Tele No: 080-22537519

Tender No.: BMTC/2023-24/SE0280 Date: 03.02.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Through e-procurement mode only)

(1) BMTC invites Tender through E-Procurement Portal for Selection of Service Provider for Procurement, Operation and Maintenance of 10 Nos. AC Double Decker Electric Buses on Gross Cost Contract (GCC) Model. **(2)** Last Date for Bid Submission in e-procurement portal is on **04.03.2024 at 17:30 Hours.** Further, any addendum/corrigendum in respect of changes in calendar of events, scope, other tender terms & conditions etc., will be uploaded/Published through e-portal only.

NOTE: Interested Bidders need to register in the GoK e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for details. In case of further assistance, the bidders may contact e-procurement Help Desk for support Ph: 080-46010000 or 080-68948777 or email at **eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com.** Interested suppliers may also contact e-procurement cell for training on bid submission. E-mail to **eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com** for further information if required.

Sd/- CHIEF MECHANICAL ENGINEER (Tender Inviting Authority)

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
K.R.S.M. & M.I.P. Division, Malavalli -571430
Mandya Dist E-mail : eekrsmmlydn@gmail.com

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO -04/203-24, Dated :02.02.2024

Short Term Tender notification No.04/2023-24, dated: 02.02.2024 are invited on KPP Portal as per KW-3 & KW-4 for 08 works **(approximate minimum amout pur to tender is 81.50 lakhs & maximum amount put to tender is 422.85 lakhs) by** the Executive Engineer, K.R.S.M & M.I.P. Division, Malavally. The Tenders are through E-procurement platform only. The Blank tender documents can be obtained from the Website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For More information contact the office of under signed during office hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, CNNL, KRSM & MIP Division, Malavally.

DIPR/AD-MDY/MC&A/501/2023-24

ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ

DMA/2023-24/SE1522, SE1523/Call-2 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01–02–2024

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ E-PROCUREMENT OF KARNATAKA

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅದ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕರ ಆಕ್ಟ್ 2000ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವ ಸೇವಾ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು **ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ** ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08–02–2024**. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ **kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರವನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. **Pre Bid Meeting Date: 06-02-2024, Time : 16:00:00.**

ಕ್ರ ಸಂ.	ಕೆಲಸದ ಹೆಸರು	ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂಪಾಯಿ
1	ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ಪತ್ತಿಯಾಗುವ ಘನತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ವಸ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣ ಘಟಕಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಗಿಸಲು ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಖರೀದಿಸಿರುವ ಟ್ರಕ್ ಟಿಪ್ಪರ್, ಜೀಪ್ ಟಿಪ್ಪರ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ವಾಹನ ಚಾಲಕರನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಂಪ್ಯಾಕ್ಟರ್ ವಾಹನಕ್ಕೆ ಚಾಲಕ ಕಂ ಅಪರೇಟರ್‌ನ್ನು ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯ ಆಧಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಒದಗಿಸುವುದು. **(Indent No.DMA/2023-24/SE1522/ Call-2)**	3,72,21,302.00
2	ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ಪತ್ತಿಯಾಗುವ ಘನತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ವಸ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣ ಘಟಕಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಗಿಸಲು ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಖರೀದಿಸಿರುವ ಟ್ರಕ್ ಟಿಪ್ಪರ್, ಜೀಪ್ ಟಿಪ್ಪರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಂಪ್ಯಾಕ್ಟರ್ ವಾಹನಕ್ಕೆ ಲೋಡರ್ಸ್, ಹೆಲ್ಪರ್ಸ್ ಮತ್ತು ಸೂಪರ್‌ವೈಸರನ್ನು ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆಯ ಆಧಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಒದಗಿಸುವುದು. **(Indent No.DMA/2023-24/SE1523/Call-2)**	3,48,29,238.00

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು

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TENDER-NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement)

Applications are invited from the eligible agencies who have registered with the Department of Labour Government of Karnataka to provide the services of **126** Security Guards (including 1 Security Officer, 6 Security Supervisors) for **11 months** on the basis of **Technical Bid and Financial Bid** for guarding the **888** Acres Campus area of Karnatak University Campuses, Constituent Colleges, Public School, all Hostels movable & immovable properties of such buildings. The application in duplicate shall be submitted to the University through e- procurement website https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in. The details of the tender are as follows.

(1)	Tender No.	KU/GAD/2023-24/971 Dated: 01.02.2024
(2)	Tender Publishing Date	02.02.2024
(3)	Approximate Tender Amount (11 month)	**Rs.3,15,18,744/-**
(4)	Tender Form uploading Date	02.02.2024 afternoon 15.00 hr
(5)	Last Date for Tender Form uploading	04.03.2024 afternoon 15.00 hr
(6)	Pre-bid meeting date & place	12.02.2024 afternoon 12.30 hr, Place: Syndicate Hall
(7)	Opening of Technical bid	05.03.2024 afternoon 15.05 hr
(8)	Opening of Financial bid	After opening technical bid. 07.03.2024 afternoon 15.00 hr
(9)	EMD amount of Tender	**Rs. 12,60,749/-** (paid through e-procurement)
(10)	Name and Address for corresponding authority	The Registrar, Karnatak University. Pavate Nagar, Dharwad-580003. Telephone No. 0836-2215358.

Sd/- Registrar

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Office of the Executive Engineer,
No.2, Harangi Right Bank Canal Division,
Hunsur Mysore District-571105
Ph: 08222-252211 Fax: 252211
Email: eeharangi@yahoo.co.in

Tender Extension Notification Dated:02-02-2024

Due to Inevitable Circumstences Tender Notification No.03/2023-24 Dated:25-01-2024 is Postponed. Further dates will be intimated.

DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/1003/2023-24 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

KARNATAKA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Grameenabhivriddhi Bhavana, 4th & 5th Floor,
Ananda Rao Circle, Bengaluru - 560 009.

No.: KRIDL/ADM/Medical Insurance/TENDER/2023-24 Date: 02.02.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR PROVIDING GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE AND GROUP PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

(Through Government of Karnataka e-procurement portal only)

e-Tender is invited in two cover system from interested Bidders/Medical Insurance providers who have adequate experience in the following: (1) Group Health Insurance Policy for all permanent employees/Officers and dependent family members of KRIDL. (2) Group Personal Accident Insurance Policy to all permanent employees/Officers of KRIDL. EMD Amount put to tender: **Rs. 50,000/-.** For more details to Tender Notification please visit e-procurement portal (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Pre-Bid Meeting is arranged on **09.02.2024 at 12.00 Noon** at the 4th Floor of the above address. Last date for submission of bids is **26.02.2024 up to 4.00 PM.** More details can be had from the Chief Administrative Officer, KRIDL, Hqrs., Contact Landline No. 080-28015635/080-28015607

Sd/- Managing Director

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, BBMP Office, Bangalore - 560 073.

No.BBMP/EE/DD/Ten/14/2023-24 Date:03.02.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (EOI)
(Through GOK KPP Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division, invites the item rate tenders from eligible contractors for the works detailed in the table below.

Maintenance of RO Plants at the Various Places of Wards and Sub Divisions in Dasarahalli Division.

Sl. No.	Ward No.	EMD (in Rs.)	No. of Works
Reserved for Others Category			
1	15-CSR Layout, Lakshmipura & Abbigere	15,000 Each	02
2	17- Medarahalli	15,000	01
3	16 - Mallasandra Rangamandira	15,000 Each	05
4	18 - Manjunatha Nagara	15,000 Each	03
5	19 - Maheshwari Nagara	15,000	01
6	20 - Nelagedaranahalli	15,000 Each	03
7	21 - Chokkasandra	15,000 Each	03
8	22 - Shivananda Nagara	15,000	01
9	24 - Friends Colony	15,000	01
10	25 - Sunkadakatte	15,000	01
Reserved for SC Category			
11	17 - Chikkasandra	15,000	01
12	16 - Ashwathakatte	15,000 Each	02
13	20 - Nelagedaranahalli	15,000 Each	02
14	22 - Near Poojamma Temple	15,000	01
Reserved for ST Category			
15	21 - Chokkasandra	15,000	03
		Total Works	**30**

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GOK KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Last date for Querries : **21.02.2024 upto 3.00 p.m. 3)** Pre-bid Meeting : **22.02.2024 at 3.30 p.m. 4)** Last date for submission of tender documents: **26.02.2024 upto 4.00 p.m. 5)** Opening of technical bids: **29.02.2024 at 4.30p.m.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Dasarahalli Division.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Kengeri Division, RR Nagara Zone,
BBMP Office Building, C A No-3, 1st Main Road,
Outer Ring Road - Kommaghatta Road,
Kengeri Upanagara, Bangalore-560060

No: EE/KEN/TEND/19/2023-24 Date: 03.02.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Tender Notification) TWO COVER SYSTEM - Call-1
(Through e-Procurement Portal
GoK website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in only)

The Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division invites tenders on behalf of the Chief Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimate Amount (in Lakbs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	Comprenshive Develepment Works Comes Under SC ST Colony in Ward No: 26 & 27 of Doddabidrkallu Sub Division Package-1 (3 Works). **Reservation :** ST.	38.04	38,500/-
2.	Comprenshive Develepment Works Comes Under SC ST Colony in Ward No:28 of Herohalli Sub Division Package-2 (3 Works). **Reservation :** OTHERS.	38.04	76,500/-
3.	Comprenshive Develepment Works Comes Under SC ST Colony in Ward No: 29 and 30 of Herohalli Sub Division Package-3 (3 Works). **Reservation :** OTHERS.	38.04	76,500/-
4.	Providing basic Infrastructures in SC/ST Benificiary areas pertaining to ward no 31 Bandemutta, 33 Hemmigerpura of Kengeri Sub Division Package-4 (2 Works). **Reservation :** OTHERS.	25.36	51,000/-
5.	Providing Basic Infrastructures in SC/ST Beneficiary areas pertaining to Ward No-32 (Kengeri) of Kengeri Sub Division Package-5 (3 Works). **Reservation :** SC.	38.04	38,500/-

Time Schedule/Calendar of events: 1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from : 07.02.2024 from 4.00 PM. 2) Prebid meeting: 12.02.2024 at 3.00 PM . 3) Last date & Time for receipt of Tenders : 17.02.2024 Up to 4.00 PM. 4) Opening of Bids : 19.02.2024 at 11.00 AM.

Sd/- The Executive Engineer, Kengeri Division

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited

Sl. No.	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive of GST)	Bid Submission Last Date
1	Redevelopment of Gandhi Park, Eastfort	2024_SCTLT_654090_1	Rs.1,72,46,811/-	12 Feb 2024
2	Redevelopment of EMS Park at PMG in Thiruvananthapuram	2024_SCTLT_654190_1	Rs.1,16,66,824/-	12 Feb 2024
3	Selection of Contractor for Construction of Multi-Level Parking Complex in Vanniyankulam, Thiruvananthapuram	2024_SCTLT_654266_1	Rs.17,42,29,698/-	13 Feb 2024

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by email. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website https://etenders.kerala.gov.in

(sd/-) **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARMENT Office of The Executive Engineer,R.D.W & S, Division, Haveri

Sl.No.RDW&SD/Haveri/PB-1/Tender:28/2023-24/1696 Date :02-02-2024.

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (2nd Call)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಜಲ ಜೀವನ್ ಮಿಷನ್ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಂವಹನ **(IEC)** ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ **(HRD)** ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ನುರಿತ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಬೆಂಬಲ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳನ್ನು **(ISRAs)** ನೇಮಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಎಂಪ್ಯಾನೆಲ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಸೇವಾ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ **KC-8** ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯನ್ವಯ ಏಟಂವಾರು ಇ–ಪೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

(1) Last Date for Tender queries/ Clarifications : **07-02-2024** at : 17:00 hours (2) Request of Blank Tender Documents and Receipt of completed Technical & Financial Bid through e-procurement from : **12-02-2024** at : 17: 00 hours (3) Date of Technical Bid Opening (If possible) : **13-02-2024** @ 17:00 hours (4) Date of Financial Bid Opening (If possible) : **14-02-2024** @ 10:00 hours.

Name Of Works : Selection and Empanelment of Implementation Support Agencies (NGOs/VOs/ SHGs) for providing services in preparation and implementation of Village Action Plan and in IEC & HRD activities under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Haveri District. (RWSSD/2023-24/ SE0131/ CALL-2), Amount put to tender Rs. **53.736** Lakhs, EMD Rs. **54,000/-**, Time period : **1 year,** Eligibale Agency NGOs/VOs/ SHGs

The blank tender documents can be downloaded through website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from the date of hosting the tender.

DIPR/HVR/KSMCA/437/2023-24 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, R.D.W&S Division, Haveri**

Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences, Madikeri
(Government of Karnataka - Reg Autonous Institute)
Phone : 08272-298220 Website : www.kimskodagu.kar.nic.in

Ref: No. ME/2023-24/IND : Date: 02-02-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Under signed invites e-tender notification in two Bid system from eligible tenderers through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** GOK, for the supply of **Mannequins** to Skill Lab. Applications can be downloaded from **03.02.2024,** last date for upload is **23.02.2024,** for more information contact e-procurement portal or office of the undersigned.

e-mail: directormckodagu@gmail.com

Sd/- Chief Administrative Officer, KoIMS, Madikeri

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivajinagar Division, Thimmaiah Road, Bengaluru.

No.EE/SJN/TEND /13/2023-24 Date: 03-02-2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Short Term Tender Notification)
(Through GOK Kppp Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, (Shivajinagar Division), BBMP Bengaluru invites item rate tenders from eligible Contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with BWSSB/KUWS&DB/PRED/Railways/PWD/MES any State or Central Govt. Organisations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

- Improvements and construction of RCC drain, CC Road & providing solar street light.
- Providing solar street light.
- Construction of CC Road & providing solar street light.

Sl. No.	Ward No	Approx. Value of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)	Category	No. of Works
1.	116	12.68	15,850/-	SC	1
2.	116	10.00 to 12.50	12,500/- to 15,625/-	ST	2
3.	116	5.00 to 12.50	12,500/- to 31,250/-	General	10
4.	117	3.00	3,750/-	SC	1
5.	117	3.00 to 12.50	7,500/- to 31,250/-	General	2
6.	118	12.68	15,850/-	SC	1
7.	118	3.00 to 12.68	7,500/- to 31,700/-	General	4
8.	121	8.00 to 12.50	10,000/- to 15,625/-	SC	4
9.	121	3.00	3,750/-	ST	1
10.	121	3.00 to 12.68	7,500/- to 31,700/-	General	12
			Total No. of Works		38

Calendar of Events: (1). Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of GOK from **06.02.2024. (2)** Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is **20.02.2024 upto 4.00 p.m. (3)** Date of Opening of Tenders is on **22.02.2024 at 12:30 p.m.** if possible or Next working day. Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Shivajinagar Division, BBMP.

HUBLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly owned Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office, P.B. Road, Navanagar, Hubballi - 580025. Phone No: 9448370226, Fax No: 0836-2321307
E-Mail ID: pro.hescom@gmail.com Corporate Identity Number (CIN) : U31401KA2002SGC030437

No: HESCOM/DF/CA/DCA/AO(RA)/2023-24/CYS-5906 Date: 25-01-2024

NOTIFICATION

Sub: Regarding Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF).

In exercise of powers conferred on the Commission by Section 181 read with Sub-section (5), (6) and (7) of section 42 of the Electricity Act 2003 (Act No. 360 of 2003) and all powers enabling in this behalf, the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission had issued KERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum and Ombudsman (Second Amendment) Regulations 2013.

As per Clause No. 3.1 of the said Regulations, every Distribution Licensee shall establish in every Revenue District of its jurisdiction a Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF). To make it convenient for consumers of Dharwad, Uttar Kannada, Haveri, Belagavi, Vijayapur, Bagalkot and Gadag Districts of HESCOM jurisdiction, CGRF consisting of chairperson and members as detailed below are created.

Sl. No.	Name of Revenue District	Chairperson Nominated by HESCOM	Member Nominated by HESCOM	Member Nominated by Commission	Forum's Head Quarters
1	Dharwad	Smt. S.S. Jangin, Superintending Engineer (El), O & M Circle, HESCOM, Hubballi. Cell: 9448370227. Email ID - seehbl.hescom@gmail.com	Sri. Nagaraj L Pujar A/c Deputy Controller of Accounts, O & M Circle, HESCOM, Hubballi. Cell: 9448488758. Email ID - dcahbl.hescom@gmail.com	Smt. Savitri B Anami, Advocate, Flat No. A2, KLE Guest House, Siddeshwara Nagara, Unakal Cross, Hubballi - 580031. Mob No. 9902470932	O /o, Superintending Engineer (El) O & M Circle, HESCOM, Shivagangaa Layout, Keshwapur, Hubballi - 580023.
2	Uttara Kannada	Sri. D.B.Kamat, Superintending Engineer (El), O & M Circle, HESCOM, Sirsi. Cell: 9448491813. Email ID - seesrs.hescom@gmail.com	Sri. Manjappa T Appannavar Executive Engineer, O & M Division, HESCOM, Sirsi. Cell: 9448141871. Email ID - eesirsi.hescom@gmail.com	Sri. Lokesh Laxminarayan Hegde, Saakina: Bhandiwala, Uppina Pattana Post, Kumta Taluk, Uttara Kannada District-581362 Mob No. 9141148237	O /o Superintending Engineer (El) O & M Circle, HESCOM, Ayyappa Nagar, Sirsi - 581402 (Dist : Uttara Kannada)
3	Haveri	Sri. Nagappa . S. H Superintending Engineer (El), O & M Circle, HESCOM, Haveri. Cell: 9448132532. Email ID - seehvr.hescom@gmail.com	Sri. Tippeshi K Deputy Controller of Accounts, O & M Circle, HESCOM, Haveri. Cell: 9448132625. Email ID - dcahvr.hescom@gmail.com	Vacant	O /o, Superintending Engineer (El) O & M Circle, HESCOM, Reg No. 85B, Near B.E.O/ Haveri Urban Development Authority Office, Hanchinal Layout, P. B. Road, Haveri - 581110.
4	Belgavi	Sri. V S Ramesh Superintending Engineer (El), O & M Zone, HESCOM, Hubballi Cell: 9449877103. Email ID - ceehbl.hescom@gmail.com	Sri. Praveenkumar. K Chikade, Executive Engineer, O & M Rural Division, HESCOM, Belagavi. Cell: 9448370243 Email ID - eerbgm.hescom@gmail.com	Vacant	O /o Superintending Engineer (El) O & M Circle, HESCOM, Neharu Nagar, Belagavi - 590010.
5	Bagalkot	Sri Siddappa Binjageri Superintending Engineer (El), O & M Circle, HESCOM, Vijayapura Cell: 9448370248. Email ID - seebgkt.hescom@gmail.com	Sri Kaleem Ahamed, Executive Engineer, O & M Division, HESCOM, Bagalkot. Cell: 9448370258	Vacant	O /o Superintending Engineer (El) O & M Circle, HESCOM, Sector No -6, Road No-6 Near Patrika Bhavan, Navanagar, Bagalkot - 587103.
6	Vijayapura	Sri Siddappa Binjageri Superintending Engineer (El), O & M Circle, HESCOM, Vijayapura Cell: 9448370248. Email ID - seebjp.hescom@gmail.com	Sri. Mahantesh M Chenngond Executive Engineer, O & M Rural Division, HESCOM, Vijayapura. Cell: 9448370248 Email ID - eevjp.hescom@gmail.com	Sri Ravindra. S Bijjaragi, 31/E, Gani Towers, Opp B.L.D.E.A's Hospital, Ashram Road, Vijayapur - 586103. Mob No. 9448125231	O /o Superintending Engineer (El) O & M Circle, HESCOM, Beside BDA Office, Basavana Bagewadi Road, Vijayapura - 586109.
7	Gadag	Smt. S.S. Jangin, Superintending Engineer (El), O & M Circle, HESCOM, Hubballi Cell: 9448370227. Email ID - seehbl.hescom@gmail.com	Sri. Rajesh Kallyanshetti Executive Engineer (El) O & M Division, HESCOM, Gadag. Cell: 9448370236. Email ID - eegdg.hescom@gmail.com	Smt. Kalpana M Manvi, Advocate, C/o M. M. Hiremath, Near Rachoteshwar Temple, Vakkalageri Oni, Gadag.	O /o Executive Engineer (El) O & M Division, HESCOM, Mulagunda naka, Gadag - 582103.

In the event of a complaint not being redressed satisfactorily by the concerned field officer, complainant may submit his grievance in Form 'A' (available in CGRF Offices) within THREE (3) months from the date on which his grievance should have been redressed.

Grievances falling within the purview of any of the following provisions of the Act are excluded from the jurisdiction of the Forum.

1) Unauthorised use of electricity as provided under section 126 of the Act.
2) Offences and penalties as provided under section 135 to 139 of the Act.
3) Accident in the distribution, supply or use of electricity as provided under section 161 of the Act.

Any complainant aggrieved by the non-redressal of his grievances by the Forum may himself or through his representative make a representation to the Ombudsman within Thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the order of the Forum. The address of the Electricity Ombudsman is as noted below:

Electricity Ombudsman, No. 16 C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area (Behind Jain Hospital), Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru - 560052.

Sd/- Controller
Corporate Office, HESCOM, Hubballi

DIPR/Dharwad/739/Adverto/2023-24

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"- PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail : ceworldbankprojects@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CE-W.B.P.(O) - 53 / 2023-24

1. The Chief Engineer (Bridges), World Bank Project, Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Construction of Road & Bridge work as detailed below:
2. Nature of work : **Bridge Works**
3. No. of work : **02 Nos.**
4. Tender Cost : **Rs.10,000.00 (On-line)**
5. Class of Contractor : **'Special' / 'Super' Class Contractor**
6. Available of bid document in the website. : **From 10.00 A.M. of 06.02.2024 to 5.00 PM of 22.02.2024**
7. Date of opening of Bid : **Dt.23.02.2024 at 11.30 AM**
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website : **https://tenderodisha.gov.in** . Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Engineer-in-Chief
(I/C) Chief Engineer (Bridges), WBP, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

B-1735: OIPR-34174/11/0002/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, CUTTACK
AT/PO-NAYABAZAR, DIST-CUTTACK-753004, Tel No.06712443399, Email-ld-serw_ctc@yahoo.com
1st corrigendum to Bid Identification NO. Tender Online RWC 02/24 vide T.O. lt. No.144 dt. 12.01.2024
L.No.402 dt. 31.1.24

The Tender Invited in the above Tender Call Notice No. Tender Online RWC-02/24 Invited by the Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack vide letter no. 144, dt.12.01.2024 for the work "Construction of road Gopalpur Kalimandir Chhak to Padanpur" under MMSY-TRIP in the District of Cuttack for the year 2023-24 (Road & Bridge) is hereby rescheduled.
(i) Clause no .06 of NIT is modlfled as below:-

Procurement Officer Bid Identification No.		Availability of Tender on-line for bidding				Last date & time of seeking tender clarification		Date & Time of opening of tender			
		From		To				Technical Bid		Financial Bid	
1	2	3		4		5		6		7	
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack.	Tender Online RWC-02/24	Previously fixed on	Presently modified to	Previously fixed on	Presently modified to	Previously fixed on	Presently modified to	Previously fixed on	Presently modified to	Previously fixed on	Presently modified to
		19.01.24 at 11.30 A.M.	03.02.24 at 11.30 A.M.	02.02.24 to 05.00 P.M.	17.02.24 to 05.00 P.M.	02.01.24 upto 02.00 P.M.	17.01.24 upto 02.00 P.M.	03.02.24 at 11.30 A.M.	19.02.24 at 11.30 A.M.	Will be intimated later on	Will be intimated later on

All other terms & conditions remain unaltered.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Cuttack
O-2403 OIPR-25097/11/0047/2324

E-mail ID: cebuildings_orissa@yahoo.co.in; cebuildings@rediffmail.com; Tel. - (0674)-2391523
OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA
NIRMAN SOUDHA, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)

File No-B-I-(ES)/02/2023 Lr. No.- 4629 31st Jan., 2024

Invitation For Bids

Bid Identification No. C.E. (Civil) - 60 / 2023-24

1. The Chief Engineer (Civil)., Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for the work **"Construction of Academic-cum-Workshop Buildings (G+2) having foundation to (G+3) Works at OSME Campus in the District of Keonjhar for the year 2023-24 amounting to Rs.11,22,39,000/- (Approximate)** as detailed below.

2.	Nature of work	:	Building Work
3.	No. of work	:	1 No.
4.	Bid Cost	:	₹.10,000/-
5.	Class of Contractor	:	'A' / Special Class
6.	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	:	From dt.05.02.2024 to 17:00 Hours of dt.19.02.2024.
7.	Date of Opening of Bids	:	Dt. 20.02.2024 at 11:30 AM
8.	The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: https://tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.		

Chief Engineer (Civil), Odisha, Bhubaneswar
B-1729: OIPR-34117/11/0101/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, CENTRAL (R&B) CIRCLE , BHUBANESWAR.
Mail i.d. : seccbbsr@gmail.com

E-procurement Short Tender Call Notice No.32 of 2023-24

No.443 (Estg.) Bhubaneswar the 1st February-2024

The Chief Construction Engineer, Central (R&B) Circle Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids for three numbers road works to be received in online bidding, double cover system for construction work as detailed in : **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. The details of bid documents will be available in the above website from **5.00 P.M. of 05.02.2024 to 3.00 P.M of 15.02.2024**. The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or III. Bids received online shall be opened at **5.00 P.M. of 15.02.2024** in the Office of the Chief Construction Engineer, Central (R&B) Circle Bhubaneswar.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**.

Addendum / Corrigendum, if required, will be available only in the Website.

Sd/- Er. P.K.Mohanty
Chief Construction Engineer, Central (R&B) Circle, Bhubaneswar.
B-1738 : OIPR-34156/11/0025/2324

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"- PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail : ceworldbankprojects@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CE-W.B.P.(O) - 54 / 2023-24

1. The Chief Engineer (World Bank Project), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Construction of Road & Bridge work as detailed below:
2. Nature of work : **Bridge Work**
3. No. of work : **01 No.**
4. Tender Cost : **Rs.10,000.00 (On-line)**
5. Class of Contractor : **'A' / 'Special' Class Contractor**
6. Available of bid document in the website. : **From 10.00 A.M. of 06.02.2024 to 5.00 PM of 22.02.2024**
7. Date of opening of Bid : **Dt.23.02.2024 at 11.30 AM**
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website : **https://tenderodisha.gov.in** . Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Engineer-in-Chief
(I/C) Chief Engineer (Bridges), WBP, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.
B-1734: OIPR-34174/11/0001/2324

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-50/604/2023-24 Date:03.02.2024

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Agencies, Individual Firms, Company, Public Sector Undertakings having registration as mentioned below & have got adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below:

Name of the Work: Formation of Industrial Layout at Japanese Industrial Park (General Industrial Area) at Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area, III Phase, Tumakuru District.

Last date for submission of bids is: **19.02.2024** upto **04:30** pm

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/3404/Zen/2023-24 **Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru**

RAICHUR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
Raichur District Urban Development Cell
SL No: DCRAI-PDOENGG/24-29/2024-PD(UD)RAICHUR/CORRIGENDUM Date: 29-01-2024

Corrigendum

Because of Technical reasons the tender schedule of the service indents included in the tender notification issued from this office on 26.01.2024 stands modified. Hence the tenderers may kindly note and adhere to this new modified schedule which is as follows. However there will be no other change in the tender conditions.

SL. No	Service Indent No	Last date and time for Tender submission	Date and time of opening of technical bid	Date and time of opening of financial bid
1	DMA/2023-24/SE2116	06-02-2024 Up to 16:30:00 hrs	Not applicable	07-02-2024 at 17:25:00 hrs
2	DMA/2023-24/SE2146	05-02-2024 Up to 17:30:00 hrs	06-02-2024 at 17:15:00 hrs	09-02-2024 at 15:30:00 hrs
3	DMA/2023-24/SE2144	07-02-2024 Up to 17:00:00hrs	08-02-2024 at 17:15:00 hrs	12-02-2024 at 15:30:00 hrs
4	DMA/2023-24/SE2143	05-02-2024 Up to 17:30:00 hrs	Not applicable	07-02-2024 at 11:00:00 hrs
5	DMA/2023-24/SE2145	07-02-2024 Up to 17:00:00 hrs	08-02-2024 at 17:15:00hrs	12-02-2024 at 15:30:00hrs
6	DMA/2023-24/IND1333	06-02-2024 up to 17:15:00 hrs	Not applicable	06-02-2024 at 17:15:00 hrs

Sd/- PROJECT DIRECTOR,
DIP/RCR/432/KSMC&A/429/2023-24 **DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL, RAICHUR.**

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise
Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi, Pin Code.585 102.
Phone No : 9448359013, E-mail: eeetpgescom@gmail.com

No: GESCOM/CEE(O)/SEE(Tech)/EEE(Tech)/AEE-1(Tech)/AE-1(Tech)/2023-24/53749-59 Dt:-02.02.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited, Kalaburagi invites bids from the eligible bidders for "Creation of infrastructures for arranging power supply to anticipated applications for FY 2024-25 under Ganga Kalyan Schemes of various Corporations and Rural Drinking Water Supply Schemes in rural areas of O&M Division, GESCOM Kalaburagi-2 (Bid Enq no:TP-047 /GK&WS /2023-24 /Kalaburagi Division-2 and Approximate amount put to tender:Rs.647.42 Lakhs), **Sedam** (Bid Enq no:TP-048 /GK&WS /2023-24 /Sedam Division and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs.398.91 Lakhs), **Yadgir** (Bid Enq no:TP-049 /GK&WS /2023-24 /Yadgir Division and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs.622.08 lakhs), **Bidar** (Bid Enq no:TP-050 /GK&WS / 2023-24 /Bidar Division and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs.586.54 Lakhs), **Humnabad** (Bid Enq no:TP-051 /GK&WS /2023-24 /Humnabad Division and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs.670.48 Lakhs), **Raichur Rural** (Bid Enq no: TP-052 /GK&WS /2023-24 /Raichur Rural Division and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs.1100.13 Lakhs), **Sindhanur** (Bid Enq no:TP-053 /GK&WS /2023-24/ Sindhanur Division and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs.1073.23 Lakhs), **Gangavathi** (Bid Enq no:TP-054 /GK&WS /2023-24 /Gangavathi Division and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs.364.09 Lakhs) and **Shorapur** (Bid Enq no:TP-055 / GK&WS /2023-24 /Shorapur Division and Approximate amount put to tender: Rs.709.14 Lakhs) under PTK Rate Contract Basis" (Distribution Transformer will be supplied by GESCOM) for a period of 01 year, extendable by one more Year at the discretion of GESCOM.

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DIPR/Kalaburagi/764/KSMC&A/2023-24

Sd/- Chief Engineer Elecy., Operation, GESCOM, Kalaburagi.

(Public Works Department)
Office of The Executive Engineer, Chikkaballapur Division, Chikkaballapur

Invitation for Tender (I.F.T)
No.07/2023-24 Date: 30.01.2024

(For Roads/Buildings Construction/Maintenance/ improvements Works – As per standard Bid Document KW 1,4 in two cover system.)

On behalf of The Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the undersigned invite tenders for works in one and two cover system through KPP Portal from eligible contractors registered in PWD. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders **Date: 06.02.2024 up to 04:00pm (1)** Pre Bid meeting Sl. No 01-03 on **Date: 03.02.2024 up to 03:00 pm (2)** Last date for objections-doubts and clarification **Date: 05.02.2024 up to 03:00 pm (3)** Last Date of sub-mission of Tender Documents: **Date: 06.02.2024 up to 04:00 pm (4)** Opening of Technical **Bid: Date: 07.02.2024 04:30 pm (5)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid Will be opened after approval of Technical Bid. If there is any change in the schedule and conditions of the tender, it will be notified only in e-procurement, no press release will be issued. Further details may be obtained from the above office during hours on works days or from websites **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Through Kppp Portal only)

Following e-tenders are published in Karnataka Govt. e-portal **(https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in), (1) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0804,** Procurement of Siemens make PLC spares for unit-1 to 4 wet ash handling plant, **EMD Rs.31,500/-. (2) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0805,** Procurement of tiltable telescopic tower ladder for u-2 ESP hopper ash level indicator, **EMD Rs.1,900/-. (3) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0834,** Procurement of Globe Valves for Ash Handling plant of RTPS, **EMD Rs.17,880/-. (4) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0837,** Procurement of nylon slings for routine works of RTPS Stores, **EMD Rs. 2,290/-, (5) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0717/Call-2,** Procurement of Foam Seal Saler 30-45 for BM-1 of RTPS, **EMD Rs.7,200/-. (6) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0267/Call-4,** Procurement of Gaskets & Gland packing for APH-2 of RTPS, **EMD Rs.3,950/-. (7) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0358/Call-3,** Procurement of Pump spares for CAM-2 of RTPS, **EMD Rs.23,400/-. (8) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0407/Call-3,** Procurement of Oil seals and rubber items for EEMM-2 of RTPS, **EMD Rs.5,300/-. (9) No. KPCL/2023-24/IND0806,** Procurement of Spares for Wagon Tippler 4 & 5, **EMD Rs.18,420/-.** Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders for Sl.No. 1, 2 & 4 : **15.02.2024 at 4:00 p.m.,** for Sl.No. 3: **08.02.2024 at 4:00 p.m.,** for Sl. No. 5, 6, 7 & 8 : **17.02.2024 at 4:00 p.m.,** for Sl.No. 9 : **12.02.2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

Further details can be had from the Executive Engineer (Purchase), RTPS, KPCL, Shakthinagar-584 170, Raichur Dist. **Mobile: 9449597966, e-Mail : eeprtps@gmail.com**

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Tender for the following works in Transmission(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad.

1. Tender No: KPTCL/2023-24/SE0489_CALL-2
Bid Enquiry No: SEE/WMC/MRB/AEE-2/2023-24/91 Dt. 01.01.2024 for "Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works located at 110kV S/S Hanamanal.

2. Tender No: KPTCL/2023-24/SE0496_CALL-2
Bid Enquiry No: SEE/WMC/MRB/AEE-2/2023-24/98 Dt. 01.01.2024 for "Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works located at 110kV S/S KIADB Kudathini.

3. Tender No: KPTCL/2023-24/SE0500_CALL-2
Bid Enquiry No: SEE/WMC/MRB/AEE-2/2023-24/102 Dt. 01.01.2024 for "Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works located at 110kV S/S Hanawal.

4. Tender No: KPTCL/2023-24/SE0503_CALL-2
Bid Enquiry No: SEE/WMC/MRB/AEE-2/2023-24/105 Dt. 01.01.2024 for "Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works located at 110kV S/S Jawalagera.

5. Tender No: KPTCL/2023-24/SE0507_CALL-2
Bid Enquiry No: SEE/WMC/MRB/AEE-2/2023-24/109 Dt. 01.01.2024 for "Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works located at 110kV S/S Byagwat.

6. Tender No: KPTCL/2023-24/SE0488_CALL-2
Bid Enquiry No: SEE/WMC/MRB/AEE-2/2023-24/90 Dt. 01.01.2024 for "Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works located at 66kV S/S Uchhangidurga.

7. Tender No: KPTCL/2023-24/SE0484_CALL-2
Bid Enquiry No: SEE/WMC/MRB/AEE-2/2023-24/86 Dt.01.01.2024 for "Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works located at 66kV S/S Telagi.

8. Tender No: KPTCL/2023-24/SE0514_CALL-2
Bid Enquiry No: SEE/WMC/MRB/AEE-2/2023-24/116 Dt. 01.01.2024 for "Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works located at 110kV S/S Emmiganuru.

9. Tender No: KPTCL/2023-24/SE0515_CALL-2
Bid Enquiry No: SEE/WMC/MRB/AEE-2/2023-24/117 Dt. 01.01.2024 for "Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works located at 110kV S/S Ittigi(Kampli).

10. Tender No: KPTCL/2023-24/SE0483_CALL-2
Bid Enquiry No: SEE/WMC/MRB/AEE-2/2023-24/85 Dt.01.01.2024 for "Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works located at 220kV S/S Neelgunda).

11. Tender No: KPTCL/2023-24/SE0582_CALL-2
Bid Enquiry No: SEE/WMC/MRB/AEE-2/2023-24/26 Dt. 17.11.2023 for "Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works located at 110kV S/S Bisilahalli.

Tenders will be received through KPP Poral only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the KPP Portal can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or directly logging on to website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **03.02.2024 at 11:00 Hrs.** details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

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Ashok asks govt. to come out with White Paper on Central funds to State for last 20 years

BJP leaders have not attempted to meet PM and discuss State's injustice caused by disparity: DKS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok claimed that the Congress in the State was trying to "mislead people by blaming the Centre for fund crunch".

R. Ashok

Mr. Ashok's statement comes after the Congress announced that all its legislators, including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, will stage a protest against the "injustice" to the State in tax devolution and Central funds on February 7 in New Delhi. He termed the protest an "election gimmick" and said Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had clarified that there were no pending dues from the Union government to the State.

He demanded that Mr. Siddaramaiah publish a White Paper on funds the State has got from the Union government during 10 years of United Progressive Alliance rule and during 10 years of National Democratic Alliance rule.

"Agreed Karnataka collects a higher share of taxes. Maharashtra collects much more tax than us. Are they getting a better share of the taxes collected in their State than us? What is the share Delhi is getting of the taxes it collects? Let the government publish a White Paper and let people decide," he said.

"Taxes will always be devolved in favour of regions that are backward and less developed. For instance, earlier there was a demand from Kodagu for a separate State arguing they pay higher taxes and give us water from the Cauvery but were receiving little back. Mr. Siddaramaiah had himself then said tax devolution issues cannot be the basis for separatism," Mr. Ashok said.

He further gave the example of Bengaluru, which he said collects 65% of the revenue of the State, but gets only 5% back as allocation. "Can a district be allocated funds as much as revenue it generates? The Constitutional principle is to fund underdeveloped areas," he argued.

Meanwhile, standing his ground, Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar said in Kalaburagi: "The Centre hasn't released any drought relief and it is not devolving enough funds for the State. The funds earmarked for the State in the previous Budgets is also not being released and hence the protest. All MLAs, MLCs, MPs, Ministers, and the Chief Minister will take part in the protest."

'BJP should introspect'

He said the State BJP leaders must introspect about their inability to get justice for Karnataka from the Centre. "They haven't made any attempt to meet the Prime Minister and discuss the State's interests and injustice caused by the disparity. The people of the State answered their apathy by rejecting them in the recent polls," he said.

Second KFD death in State this year; Health Dept. holds meeting

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

One more person has died due to Kyasanur Forest Disease (KFD), increasing the death toll due to the viral infection to two this year.

A 79-year-old person, a native of Sringeri taluk in Chikkamagaluru, died in a private hospital at Manipal in Udupi district on Friday. On January 8, an 18-year-old girl from Hosanagar taluk in Shivamogga died of the virus in Manipal. So far, 49 positive cases of KFD have been reported in the State this year. That includes 34 in Uttara Kannada, 12 in Shivamogga, and three in Chikkamagaluru district.

Following the two deaths and the increase in the number of KFD cases, Commissioner for Health and Family Welfare Department D. Randeep visited Shivamogga on Saturday and held a meeting with officers from Shivamogga, Uttara Kannada, and Chikkamagaluru districts. He and other senior officers of the department reviewed the preparedness to tackle the spread of the disease.

Briefing the media after the meeting, Mr. Randeep said that since January 1 this year, the staff collected 2,288 samples from localities wherever cases were reported, and among them, 49 tested positive. "Two people have died. In one case, the person was 79 years old and was bedridden for other health issues," he said. "We have released a guideline and there is a strict treatment protocol to be followed," he said.

KFD is spread through ticks in forest areas. People who visit forest areas to collect firewood or to graze cattle attract the disease. The department had been distributing DEPA oil, a tick-repellent liquid, to people in affected areas. "So far, we have distributed 45,926 bottles. Besides that, we have 32,000 bottles in stock. The supplier has kept 50,000 bottles ready," he said.

No vaccine available

Answering a question, Mr. Randeep said that as of now there was no vaccination for the disease. The vaccination provided earlier had been found ineffective. "We have approached ICMR for vaccination. The institute has been in touch with Indian Immunological Ltd. for manufacturing of vaccines. As the process takes six to nine months, it would not be available for the current season," he said.

Regarding the discrepancies in reporting the positive cases at Viral Diagnostic Laboratory (VDL), the officer said the issue had come to the attention of the department. A team of senior officers conducted an inquiry into the issue and noticed violation of protocol. "Suitable action would be taken if any wrongdoing was noticed," he said.

The officer said that as of now, all blood samples were being tested at VDL in Shivamogga. There had been a proposal to set up a lab in Sirsi, Uttara Kannada district, which needs clearance from the National Institute of Virology in Pune.

Panel formed to probe work carried out by KEONICS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has constituted an inquiry committee led by retired IAS officer S.D. Meena to probe observations made by the Principal Accountant General in the Compliance Audit of Karnataka State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd. (KEONICS) for the period 2018-19 to 2022-23.

According to the order, the panel includes one financial expert and one technical expert.

"The Principal Accountant General audit team has submitted 45 audit enquiries on the transactions and procurements of goods by KEONICS for the mentioned period. The proposal from MD, KEONICS, has been examined. From the findings of the team, it is evident that there has been lacunae and gaps like the technical specifications in the products haven't been clearly brought out, among others," the order said.

Oath-taking ceremony

JP.S. Dinesh Kumar took oath as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka at a ceremony at Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru on Saturday. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot administered the oath of office to him. Justice Kumar, born on February 25, 1962, was elevated as an additional judge of the High Court on January 2, 2015, and was appointed as permanent judge of the High Court on December 30, 2016. He has been officiating as the acting Chief Justice of the Court since January 25, 2024.

Seer says authorities cleaned temple after his visit

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ishwarananda Puri Swami, seer of Kanaka Guru Peetha, was speaking at a literary meet

Ishwarananda Puri Swami, seer of Kanaka Guru Peetha (of Kuruba community), has alleged that the authorities cleaned a State-controlled temple after he visited it during Vaikuntha Ekadashi in December 2023.

Speaking at a literary meet at Sanehalli mutt in Hosadurga on Friday night, the seer alleged that there was caste-based discrimination against him at the Channakeshava temple at Bagur in Chitradurga district.

"There's a Channakeshava temple at Bagur near here (Hosadurga). I came to know that they (temple authorities) cleaned the entire temple after I left it," the seer said during a conference of his community. However, speaking to reporters, the priest of the Channakeshava temple denied the allegation.

Responding to a question, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said: "It is natural for temples to be cleaned in the morning and evening. I will speak to the Muzarai officials and the district in charge Minister to understand what exactly transpired. There is no place for untouchability, all of us are equal. All are allowed in our temples irrespective of caste or creed."

Writers, activists warn of social regression due to increased focus on religion

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Former Minister and social activist B.T. Lalitha Naik said here on Saturday that the universal thoughts and values enshrined in the literary works of Kuvempu have not been imbibed by society at large including the educated sections.

Former Minister B.T. Lalitha Naik inaugurating 'Kuvempu Kranti Kahale – 50' at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall in Mysuru on Saturday. PHOTO: M.A. SRIRAM

She was speaking at a programme "Kuvempu Kranti Kahale - 50", organised by Jagratha Karnataka to mark 50 years of two speeches delivered by the poet laureate urging people to shun ignorance and sectarianism, and embrace reason.

Ms. Naik said Kuvempu's poems and other literary works had called for eschewing superstitious beliefs rooted in religion besides exhorting people to shun temples, churches, and mosques but those views have not received wider appeal and society was regressing. The bulk of the population was steeped in superstitious beliefs and values that promoted social inequalities and hence, it was imperative to promote Kuvempu's works on a larger scale, she added.

She rued that in the name of gods and religion people descend to any level and blamed it on the kind of politics that was being pursued in the present times.

Referring to the Keragodu saffron flag controversy, Ms. Naik said had the people been educated in the constitutional values, the incident would not have taken place at all. She cautioned that society will regress further if values espoused by Kuvempu was not cherished and popularised.

Writer L.N. Mukundaraj said independent thinking as promoted by Kuvempu was essential to break free from the shackles of regressive thoughts and beliefs failing which freedom would be in peril. He said the need of the hour was revolution in thought and not violent upheaval.

He said religion and gods were intoxicating and rued that not only were such values on the rise but writers, rationalists, intellectuals urging society to be on the guard against such beliefs were being lampooned. He said for Kuvempu, the country was god and a nation was not a mere geographical boundary but comprised its people and called for greater promotion of the universal and humanistic values of the poet laureate.

Culture and literary critic K.V. Narayan and others were present. Actor 'Daali' Dhananjay read excerpts from the iconic speeches of Kuvempu on the occasion.

Surjewala seeks Bharat Ratna for Shivakumara Swami

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

AICC general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to give the country's highest civilian award, Bharat Ratna, to Sri Sri Shivakumara Swami, posthumously, for his contribution towards providing free education, shelter, and food to lakhs of children.

"Siddaganga Mutt seer Shivakumara Swami is truly deserving of the posthumous Bharat Ratna. He should have been awarded this earlier. He has fed, cared for, and educated millions upon millions of children for free for decades," the Congress leader said in a press release.

CM's letter

Meanwhile, responding to the Bharat Ratna announced for BJP senior leader L.K. Advani, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said: "Let the award be given to Mr. Advani, we are not opposed it. But I had written a letter requesting the award be bestowed upon Shivakumara Swami." Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar also urged the Centre on similar lines.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

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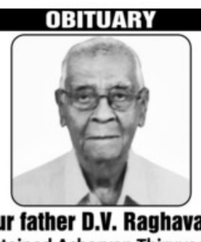

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:: TENDER NOTIFICATION ::
Sub : Tender Publication in KPPP portal as per below details.
1) Work Details : Processing and Disposal of Legacy Waste at Survey No. 82 of Udanoor Village Kalaburagi District as per Central Pollution Board Guidelines, Indent No.DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT1405/Call-2, Estimated Tender Amount **Rs. 15,79,42,000/-**, 2) Last Date and Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications Date : **19.02.2024 Time : 4.30pm**, 3) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders Date : **04.03.2024 Time : 4.30pm**, 4) Last Date and Time for Opening of Prequalification Bid Date : **07.03.2024 Time : 4.30pm,** 5) Last Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid Date : **11.03.2024 Time : 11.30am**, 6) Last Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid Date : **14.03.2024 Time : 11.30am**, 7) Pre Bid Meeting details Date **: 15.02.2024 Timing : 11.00 am** Place : Room No.10, Kalaburagi Mahanagar Palike, Tank Bund Road, Jagat Kalaburagi-585101, 8) Address to contact for more details: Assistant Executive Engineer (Environment), Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi, 9) Website details : **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Deputy Commissioner (Development)
Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike Kalaburagi
DIPR/Kalaburagi/769/KSMC&A/2023-24

INNOVATE KARNATAKA — K-tech
e-TENDER NOTIFICATION (Re-TENDER)
Office of the Managing Director, KITS, Dept of IT, Bt and S &T Karnataka, Bengaluru is inviting bids through online e-Procurement portal.
No. ITBTST/2023-24/IND0003/CALL-2 DATE : 03.02.2024

Name of the Procurement	Particulars
Procurement of Desktops, Laptops, Printers and Softwares for KITS	1) 22 All-in-One Desktops 2) 7 printers 3) 15 Laptops 4) Softwares

Last date for submission of documents: on or before 12.02.2024 up to 5.00 PM.
Details are available at https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in & https://itbtst.karnataka.gov.in
Sd/-
Managing Director
KARNATAKA INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY SOCIETY (KITS)
Department of Electronics, IT, BT and S&T, Government of Karnataka
BMTC Central Offices Building, TTMC 'B' Block, 4th Floor, Shanthinagar, KH Road, Bangalore-560027. India Phone : 080-22231006/8. https://itbtst.karnataka.gov.in
DIPR/CP/3403/AKAR/2023-24

Tahsildar dies after attacked with iron rod in Vizag

The Hindu Bureau
VISAKHAPATNAM

In a shocking incident, Sanapala Ramanayya, 40, working as a tahsildar, was brutally murdered in the cellar of his apartment at Kommadi Junction in Madhurawada under PM Palem police limits in Andhra Pradesh late on Friday night.

According to the PM Palem police, Mr. Ramanayya was transferred as the tahsildar of Bondapalli in Vizianagaram district recently from the Visakhapatnam Rural office. He took charge on Friday morning and returned to his home near Kommadi Junction in the evening. Around 10 p.m., two persons met him near the apartment gate. After they left, another person met Mr. Ramanayya and they had a discussion for some time. Later, the person allegedly attacked the tahsildar with an iron rod and fled the spot. The injured Ramanayya was shifted by his family members to a private hospital, where he died while undergoing treatment.

Police found bloodstains in the cellar. CCTV footage showed the attack but the assailant wore a face mask. Police have registered a case.

The family members of the victim alleged land dispute behind the murder.

Elephant captured in Kerala found dead on arrival at Bandipur

'The tusker was tranquillised on Friday at 5.40 p.m. and shifted to Bandipur at 10.30 p.m. but it died en route'

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

In a tragic turn of events, a 25-year-old tusker which was captured in Kerala and was being shifted to Bandipur in Karnataka was found dead on arrival in the early hours of Saturday.

The elephant nicknamed "Thanner Komban" was originally captured in an operation in Belur forest range of Hassan district on January 16, 2024, in a bid to reduce conflict in the region. After tranquillisation and radio-collaring, the elephant was released in the wild in the Moolehole range of Bandipur Tiger Reserve which is a tri-junction and abuts Wayanad in Kerala and Mudumali in Tamil Nadu.

Sad end: The Forest Department captured the elephant in Belur taluk on January 16. Later, it was released with a radio-collar.

"The free-ranging elephant moved towards the Wayanad side in Kerala and entered the Taluk office compound of Manandavadi town following which a decision was taken by the Forest Departments of both the States to tranquillise and relocate it to Bandipur from where it had come," said Dr. Ramesh Kumar, director, Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

He said the entire operation including tranquillisation was done by the Kerala team and only a few mahouts and other staff were sent from Bandipur side for their assistance. The tusker was tranquillised on Friday at 5.40 p.m. and shifted to Bandipur at 10.30 p.m. but the elephant died en route, said Mr. Ramesh Kumar. The elephant's death came to light when the truck carrying it reached the Ramapura camp at around 1.30 a.m. on Saturday and officials who went to examine it, found that it had collapsed, he added.

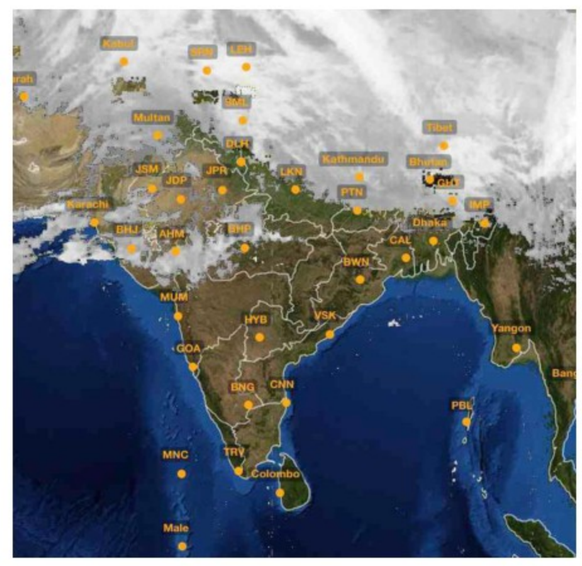
Unclear reason

It is not clear whether there was an overdose of tranquillisers as being suspected in certain quarters among activists who have flayed the authorities of both the States and accused them of a botched up operation that led to the death of a majestic animal.

The post-mortem of the elephant was conducted in the presence of the Forest Department staff of both

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall/snowfall likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds/hailstorm likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Dense fog likely in isolated pockets over Assam, Mizoram, Tripura and Odisha

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	27.5	17.4	Kozhikode	—	34.8	24.6
Ahmedabad	—	32.0	16.7	Kurnool	—	35.0	22.7
Aizawl	0.8	25.5	14.0	Lucknow	—	25.3	8.8
Allahabad	—	25.6	11.0	Madurai	—	34.4	24.1
Bengaluru	—	30.6	20.2	Mangaluru	—	32.7	21.0
Bhopal	—	29.1	11.6	Mumbai	—	36.2	19.4
Bhubaneswar	—	30.8	20.7	Mysuru	—	33.0	17.0
Chandigarh	—	21.2	10.5	New Delhi	—	23.2	6.7
Chennai	—	31.5	24.2	Patna	—	24.9	12.2
Coimbatore	—	32.8	23.0	Port Blair	—	30.5	25.2
Dehradun	—	18.4	7.3	Puducherry	—	32.0	24.2
Gangtok	4	12.3	4.4	Pune	—	31.9	15.2
Goa	—	32.0	19.5	Raipur	—	30.4	17.1
Guwahati	—	24.2	11.4	Ranchi	—	24.6	12.6
Hubballi	—	32.0	18.0	Shillong	—	16.0	5.3
Hyderabad	—	30.8	21.7	Shimla	—	9.8	4.0
Imphal	6	21.6	10.3	Srinagar	—	1.7	-1.7
Jaipur	—	25.7	12.1	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.0	25.4
Kochi	—	31.8	25.4	Tiruchi	—	33.5	24.0
Kohima	1	14.0	6.5	Vijayawada	—	32.6	22.6
Kolkata	—	27.8	18.0	Visakhapatnam	—	30.6	22.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.20	.18	.58	247	194	
Bengaluru	.21	.11	.16	185	141	
Chennai	.1	.21	.62	217	149	
Delhi	.16	219	.84	272	308	
Hyderabad	.4	.31	.49	70	102	
Kolkata	.12	.25	.30	187	148	
Lucknow	.7	.35	.89	118	135	
Mumbai	—	.52	.56	207	156	
Pune	113	154	112	173	131	
Visakhapatnam	.13	.39	.21	62	91	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Byrnihat, Assam recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 385 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ariyalur, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 23

Air Quality Code: Poor, Moderate, Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

All eyes on Kerala Budget

Tiki Rajwi
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Finance Minister K.N. Balagopal's 2024-25 Budget will be keenly watched for strategies aimed at mopping up additional resources while maintaining, in the face of financial constraints, the pace on social welfare and development programmes of the LDF government.

Mr. Balagopal is scheduled to present the Budget in the Assembly on Monday. As he had announced a string of tax increases and cesses in his previous Budget, the general feeling is that he has limited room to manoeuvre on that count this time. In the run-up to the Budget, the govt. had formed a panel to study 'innovative measures' for raising additional resources.

Idol Wing-CID of Tamil Nadu arrests antique dealer, seizes eight idols

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Idol Wing-CID (IW-CID) of Tamil Nadu Police arrested an antique dealer who was absconding for long and seized eight idols from a godown of an art gallery owned by him in a village near Mamallapuram.

Originally, four antique idols had been stolen from Thirumoolaswamy temple, Poovalur, Lalgudi in Tiruchi district. A special police team in Tiruchi Range registered a case in this connection in 2014 and was in search of the dealer, identified as Lakshmi Narasimman, involved in the idol theft from the ancient temple.

The eight idols seized from the godown of Southern Arts and Crafts gallery near Mamallapuram.

A senior police official said, "Following a tip-off, we were watching the movement of antique dealers in and around Mamallapuram and stumbled upon Lakshmi Narasimman. We nabbed him at his place in a village and recovered these idols from him."

After receiving information, the police team reached Kuchikadu in Mamallapuram and secured the accused Lakshmi Narasimman, 59, who was in possession of eight metal idols kept in the godown of his Southern Arts and Crafts gallery.

Leopard carcass found near Shadnagar

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

A leopard carcass found in the forest near Shadnagar gave rise to suspicion about poisoning on Saturday.

As per the information shared by the Forest Department officials, cattle herds spotted the carcass in decomposing state when they went inside the forest area between Pargi and Shadnagar. They alerted the Ranga Reddy district forest officials about the same. Officials who went for the site inspection did not find anything amiss, and concluded it was a natural death.

"The death must have happened three to four days ago going by the condition of the body. Had it been a case of poisoning, there would not be flies around, which was not the case. We have nevertheless collected samples and sent for analysis," an official informed.

Two Super Hit Thoughtul Topical Comedy Dramas by 'TV' Varadharajen
FIRST TIME IN BENGALURU

11th February Sunday
Tickets (both dramas combo offer) Rs. 1500/-, Rs 1000 & Rs. 600/-
Contact : 'TV' VARADHARAJEN 94440 69292 SHANKAR KUMAR 9840357705
Online booking : bookmyshow
Written & Directed by 'Vedham Puthithu' Kannan
Venue : Krishnadevaraya Kala Mandira (Behind Chowdaiah Hall), Malleswaram, Bengaluru

OFFICE OF RECOVERY OFFICER
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
31-31-21, Ground and 1st Floor, Narayana Bhavanam, Sai Baba Street, Dabagardens, Visakhapatnam-530020. Ph: 0891-2957045, E-mail: ro2.drtvpatnam@gmail.com

PROCLAMATION OF SALE-cum-E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
(See Rule 52(2) of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961)
RP/22/2016 in OA/347/2013

(1) Whereas a Recovery Certificate dated 23.12.2016 was issued by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Visakhapatnam, under sub-section (22) of section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 in **O.A.No.347/2013 between Canara Bank (e-Syndicate Bank), Main Branch, Guntur Versus M/s. Andhra Rice Oil Mills Pvt. Ltd. & Others** and forwarded the same for execution.
(2) Whereas the execution proceedings were initiated in R.P. No. 22/2016 for recovery of Rs. 20,72,50,462.27 ps. minus a sum of Rs.15,53,00,000/- (realized by bank) covered by Recovery Certificate with interest, costs, etc. specified therein from the following Certificate Debtors:-
(CD-1) **M/s. Andhra Rice Oil Mills Pvt. Ltd.,** Rep by its Managing Director, Sri Mottupalli Haribabu, Chinna Kottapalli Village, Addanki Mandal, Prakasam District-523260.
(CD-2) **Mr. Mottupalli Haribabu, S/o Obayya,** D.No.1-352, Kundhuru Village, Santhamaguluru Mandal, Prakasam District-523303.
(CD-3) **Mr. Mottupalli Surendra Babu, S/o Obayya,** D.No.1-352, Kundhuru Village, Santhamaguluru Mandal, Prakasam District-523303.
(CD-4) **Smt. Mottupalli Lavanya Nayak, W/o Hari Babu,** D.No.1-352, Kundhuru Village, Santhamaguluru Mandal, Prakasam District-523303.
(CD-5) **Sri Telaprolu Srinivasa Rao,** D.No.4-39A, Kundhuru East, Kundhuru Village, Santhamaguluru Mandal, Prakasam District.
(CD-6) **Smt. Sukanya Nayak,** D.No.483, Valli Nilayam, Near Jayalakshmi School, Palaya Nagar Extension, M.S. Nagar Post, Bangalore.
(3) And whereas, the due is a sum of Rs. 47,01,36,994.64 ps. as on 25.09.2023 plus future interest, costs and expenses incurred/to be incurred in the Recovery Proceeding with till realization.
(4) Therefore, the undersigned ordered for Sale of the Schedule properties of Certificate Debtors mentioned hereunder in satisfaction of Recovery Certificate by adopting **"online e-Auction Sale"** through the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com** of the Service Provider. The details of the Date of Auction, Last date for submission of Bid form, Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit, Bid Increase Amount and Time of Auction are mentioned hereunder against each Item/Schedule of property:

Last Date for Bids: 13.03.2024 (4.00 PM) Date of Auction: 15.03.2024

Schedule & Item No.	Extent of the Property	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Bid Increase Amount	Time of Auction *
Item Nos.1 to 4 of Schedule-C	Agricultural land of Ac.11.18 cents	Rs. 78,30,000/-	Rs. 7,83,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	11.00 AM to 12.00 Noon

* Time of Auction - with an auto extension clause of 5 minutes each i.e. e-auction end time will be extended by 5 minutes each, if a bid is made before closure of the auction.
(5) At the sale, the public are invited to participate in "**online e-auction**" through the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com** of the service provider. The address details of Service Provider are: **M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. Contact Person: Mr. Dharani Krishna, Contact No.9948182222, E-mail Id: andhra@c1india.com.**
(6) The intending participants/bidders are advised to go through the website **https://www.bankeauctions.com** for detailed terms and conditions of e-auction sale and are also required to contact the Service Provider for online registration, user ID, Password, help, procedure, online training about e-auction etc.,for submitting their Bid Forms and for taking part in e-auction sale proceedings.
(7) The intending participants shall deposit EMD amount by RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer to the credit of **Account No.209272434,** Name of the Account: SL-OL-NEFT RTGS, Bank & Branch: **Canara Bank (e-Syndicate Bank), Assets Recovery Management Branch, Visakhapatnam, IFSC Code: CNRB0000620** and submit the Bid Forms online with requisite details viz. proof of deposit of EMD, PAN Card, Address & ID Proof on or before the last date mentioned in the above table, and also send hard copy of Bid Form duly filled in along with self-attested copies of above documents by Registered Post/Speed Post/ Courier to the undersigned so as to reach on or before **14.03.2024** by 4.00 PM. Postal delays are not entertained.
(8) The intending participants are also advised to contact **Mr. B Jeyaseelan, Chief Manager,** (Contact No. **8332956773 Land Line No.0891-2724155), E-mail: cb13591@canarabank.com** for queries, inspection of schedule properties, perusal of copies of title deeds and latest encumbrance certificates to exercise due diligence and satisfy themselves about the title of property under auction sale. Branch Head of the Bank will hand over the property and related title deed documents to the successful bidder in whose favour the Sale will be confirmed by the undersigned.

SPECIFICATION OF PROPERTIES

SCHEDULE-C : PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE DEFENDANT NO.2 M.HARI BABU COVERED BY SALE DEED No. 2892/2005 dated 17.08.2005: Prakasam District, Madamanchipadu village, Vinukonda Mandal, Narasaraopeta Sub District a total extent of Ac.11-18 cts of agricultural land in S.No. 54, 47/5, 50/3, 50/4, 53/2, 53/3, 53/4, 53/5, 53/6 respectively and bounded by: **Item No.1:** Guntur District Narasaraopet Revenue division, Vinukonda Mandal with in the village panchayat, Madamanchipadu village D.No.54 out of Ac 13.75 cents area an extent of Ac 3.84 cents within the following boundaries: East: Land pertains to Gillellamudi Ramanjaneyulu etc., West: Land pertains to S.Kotaiah and others, North: Land pertains to Telaprolu Srinivasa Rao, South: Gundlakamma. **Item No.2:** An extent of Ac 1.30 cents in D.No.47/5 in Madamachipadu village within the following boundaries: East : D.No.47/6 land, West : D.No.47/4 land, North: Land pertains to Jillellamudi China Venkata Subbaiah, South: Road to Vinukonda. **Item No.3**: An extent of Ac 3.22 cents in D.No.50/3 to an extent of Ac 1.19 cents and in D.No.50/4 an extent of Ac 2.03 cents in Madamanchipadu village within the following boundaries: East : Land pertains to Jillellamudi Ramachandraiah, West: D.No.47/7 land, North: Land pertains to Jillellamudi China Venkata Subbaiah, South: Road to Vinukonda. **Item No.4**: **Total extent of Ac 2.82 cents** in D.No.53/2 to an extent of Ac 0.84 cents and in D.No.53/3 an extent of Ac 0.58 cents, D.No.53/4 an extent of Ac 0.52 cents and D.No.53/5 an extent of Ac 0.41 cents, D.No.53/6 an extent of 0.47 cents in Madamanchipadu village within the following boundaries: East: Land pertains to Garimidi Rambraham, West: D.No.52/5 Land, North: Road to Vinukonda, South: D.No.54 Land.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THIS TRIBUNAL AT VISAKHAPATNAM ON THE 24th DAY OF JANUARY, 2024
Sd/- B.N.S.V.S.K. Bangarraju, Recovery Officer-II
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Visakhapatnam

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivajinagara
Queens Road, Bengaluru - 560 052.
No: EE/SJN/TEND/14/2023-24 Date: 03.02.2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
(Two Cover) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, (Shivajinagara Division), BBMP, Bengaluru, invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with BBMP/CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

SL No.	Name of the Works/Category	Approx. value of work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1.	Construction of drain and footpath at Chinnappa Garden Link Road (North Side) and Surrounding area in Ward No-126 Ramaswamy Palya (General Category)	99.00	1,98,000/-
2.	Construction of drain and footpath at Chinnappa Garden Link Road (South Side) and Surrounding area in Ward No-126 Ramaswamy Palya (General Category)	99.00	1,98,000/-
3.	Providing Asphalting and CC Road to Bad Stretches at Bore Bank Road from Millers Road to Harris Road and Surrounding Area in Ward No-127 Jayamahal (ST Category)	99.00	1,98,000/-
4.	Construction of drain and footpath at Bore Bank Road, Benson Town and Surrounding area in Ward No-127 Jayamahal (General Category)	99.00	1,98,000/-
5.	Construction of drain and footpath at Binny Cresent Cross Road, Link Road Benson Town and Surrounding area in Ward No-127 Jayamahal (SC Category)	99.00	1,98,000/-
6.	Improvements to Roads and Drains at Lubby Masjid Street and Surrounding Area in Ward No-130 Bharathi Nagara (General Category)	99.00	1,98,000/-
7.	Improvements to Roads and Drains at St. Johns Road Crosses and Surrounding Area in Ward No-130 Bharathi Nagara (SC Category)	99.00	1,98,000/-
8.	Improvements to Roads and Drains at Nala Road and Surround -ing Area in Ward No-130 Bharathi Nagara (General Category)	99.00	1,98,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the KPP portal of the Government of Karnataka from **06.02.2024.** (2) Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **21.02.2024** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **16.02.2024** at **12:00** noon in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivajinagar Division, Queens Road, Bengaluru - 52. (4) Technical Bids will be opened on **23.02.2024** at **12:30** pm in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivaji Nagar Division, BBMP, Bengaluru if possible or next working day. (5) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Shivajinagara Division

JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED
(CIN : U40108JH2013SGC001702)
Engineering Building, HEC, Dhurwa, Ranchi – 834004,
Email:- gmrevenue2022@gmail.com

TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

Due to unavoidable circumstances, tender floated vide NIT No. **288/PR/JBVNL/2023-24 and 289/PR/JBVNL/2023-24** for appointment of "Service Agency for Engagement of Urja Mitras for Real Time Spot Billing using Android based Mobile Device along with Portable Printer for Billing and Revenue Collection" in Electric Supply Area, Dumka, Dhanbad & Giridih respectively is hereby cancelled.
PR No. 314049

Call Center 24 x 7
18003456570 /18001238745
Centralised Complain NO. 1912

Sd/
General Manager
(Revenue)
PR 317781 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd (23-24)_D

IN THE 84th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
CCH-84
COMM.O.S.NO. 1305/2023
Between:
Axis Bank Limited,
Having its registered Office at Trishul, 3rd Floor, Opposite Samaratheshwar Temple, Near Law Garden, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad-380006 and its branch office, Plot No. 41, Sheshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009. Represented by its Senior Manager and Authorized Representative Sri. B.Y.Arjun Dev
...Plaintiff
AND
Sri Vaibhava Gold Palace & Others
...Defendants
APPLICATION UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF C.P.C
Summons to Defendant No.3
Sri. Rajesh.V.R. S/o Sri. V.Ramamurthy, Aged about 51 years, No. 397, BEML 3rd Stage, Halagevadeerhalli, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore-560098.
Whereas, the Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 18,23,812/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve Only)** together with interest thereon at the rate **18% p.a.,** with costs etc. You may take notice that you are hereby directed to appear before this court, in person, or through pleader on **14.03.2024 at 11.00 a.m.,** to answer as to why relief prayer for in the suit should not be granted. If you fail to appear on the above said date, the suit will be proceeded with and decided ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **1st Febuary 2024.**

By Order of Court
Sheristedar
City Civil Court,
Bengaluru

Advocates for Plaintiff
S A Associates,
No. 10, 7th Cross,
Victoria Layout,
Bangalore-560047

IN THE 88TH ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH - 88)
Com.O.S. No.1476/2023
Between
Axis Bank Limited, Having its registered office at Trishul, 3rd Floor, Opposite Samaratheshwar Temple, Near Law Garden, Elis Bridge, Ahmedabad-380006, Branch office at Plot No.41, Sheshadri Road, Anand Rao Circle, Bangalore-560009, Represented by its Senior Manager & Authorized Representative Sri. B Y Arjun Dev ...Plaintiff
And
HY Drive Technologies ...Defendant
APPLICATION UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 OF C.P.C
Summons to Defendant
HY Drive Technologies, Represented by its Proprietor Sri. B Venkatesh, S/o Sri. Chikkabayappa, Aged about 57 years, Ramakrishna Reddy Layout, No.197/2, Behind HP Company, Mahadevapura, Bangalore - 560 048.
Also at
HY Drive Technologies, Represented by its Proprietor Sri. B Venkatesh, No.3, Anjineya Swamy Temple, Near Gosala Road, Garudacharpalya, Anjineya Swamy Temple, Gosala Road, Bangalore - 560 048.
WHEREAS, the Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.9,94,038/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Ninety Four Thosuand and Thirty Eight Only)** together with interest thereon at the rate **24% p.a.,** with costs etc. You may take notice that you are hereby directed to appear before this court, in person, or through pleader on **28.02.2024** at **11.00 a.m.,** to answer as to why relief prayer for in the suit should not be granted. If you fail to appear on the above said date, the suit will be proceeded with and decided ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this **30.01.2024.**

By Order of The Court
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

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40 killed in U.S. air strikes in Iraq, Syria

The top Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, Roger Wicker, criticised Biden for failing to impose a high enough cost on Iran, and taking too long to respond.

Iran, which backs Hamas, has sought to stay out of the regional conflict itself even as it backs groups that have entered the fray from Lebanon, Yemen, Iraq and Syria - the so-called "Axis of Resistance" that is hostile to Israel and U.S. interests.

U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said after the strikes that Biden had directed additional action against the IRGC and those linked to it. "This is the start of our response," Mr. Austin said.

"We do not seek conflict in the Middle East or anywhere else, but the president and I will not tolerate attacks on American forces," he said.

BJP veteran Advani to get Bharat Ratna

He remembered, Mr. Advani said, the late senior Jan Sangh leader Deendayal Upadhyaya, the late Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, and his own late wife Kamala.

Redefined national politics

His 1990 Ram Rath Yatra, which traversed India, whipping up support for a campaign to build a temple on the site of the Babri mosque, led not just to the mosque's destruction in 1992, but also redefined national politics for decades to come, along with the Mandal Commission's recommendations.

It gave the BJP a fillip in national politics to the point where it formed the government in 1996 (for 13 days) and in 1998 (for thirteen months), and finally, for a full term between 1999 and 2004.

Along with former PM Vajpayee, Mr. Advani was part of a duo that ensured that the BJP has occupied the pole position in Indian politics since the Ram Janmabhoomi movement. Mr. Advani did not, however, attend the consecration ceremony in Ayodhya, with his office citing the intense cold wave in north India at the time as the reason.

Strains in relationships

Mr. Advani went on to serve as the Union Home Minister in the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance government from 1998 to 2004.

From 2002 to 2004, under Vajpayee's leadership, he served as the Deputy Prime Minister of India. He then remained the Leader of Opposition during much of the Manmohan Singh-led UPA era (2004-2014).

Some wrinkles did appear in his relationship with the RSS and the BJP when, in the wake of the Vajpayee government's defeat in 2004, Mr. Advani made an attempt to recalibrate his image from a political hawk to a more broad-based leader, making a landmark six-day trip to Pakistan in June 2005.

However, his praise for Pakistan's founder and the right-wing's bete noire, Mohammad Ali Jinnah, describing him as secular – a nudge to how far the current theocratic state of Pakistan had gone from that vision – led to controversy in India.

The Sangh Parivar have always viewed Jinnah as having been responsible for the division of India along communal lines, and Mr. Advani had to quit as BJP president.

A rapprochement with the RSS ensued soon afterwards as he was projected as the BJP's Prime Ministerial candidate in 2009; however, that year's election saw the return of the UPA government under Dr. Singh.

He had some differences with the RSS and the BJP on the question of succession within the BJP as well, which was settled in favour of Mr. Modi in 2013, despite Mr. Advani not attending the BJP's national council in Goa that year, where the announcement was made.

The relationship has been subsequently mended, with Mr. Advani being accorded the Padma Vibhushan as soon as the Modi government came to power, and now with the Bharat Ratna.

Along with Mr. Advani, the Modi government has acknowledged its ideological underpinnings by also conferring the Bharat Ratna on Vajpayee, as well as Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya and RSS leader Nanaji Deshmukh.

Court permits Hemant to attend trust vote

The ongoing political crisis in Jharkhand was triggered by the arrest of Mr. Hemant Soren by the ED in connection with the money laundering case. Facing imminent arrest on Wednesday, Mr. Hemant Soren resigned from the State's top post, after which Transport Minister Champai Soren was elected as the new leader of the JMM legislative party. On Friday, the special PMLA court remanded Mr. Hemant Soren to five days in the custody of the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

MLAs sequestered in Hyderabad

Mr. Champai Soren took his oath as the twelfth Chief Minister of Jharkhand on Friday, along with Satyanand Bhokta of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and Alamgiri Alam of the Congress, who were sworn in as Cabinet Ministers.

To avert the threat of horse-trading, 39 MLAs from the ruling alliance were flown to a Hyderabad resort by chartered plane on Friday. According to JMM sources, all MLAs will return on Monday morning, just hours before the trust vote.

Time to rethink, reimagine and reform legal systems, says Modi

At Commonwealth meet, Chief Justice of India calls upon law officers to uphold honour of the legal profession and remain impervious to the politics and conduct themselves with dignity in court, ensuring the integrity of legal proceedings

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday underscored the need to "rethink, reimagine and reform" legal systems even as Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud pointed out that government law officers should remain impervious to the politics of the day and conduct themselves with dignity in court.

The Chief Justice said law officers, from the Attorney-General and the Advocates-General of the States, whose posts are envisaged in the Constitution, to others such as the Solicitor-General, Additional Solicitors-General and Additional Advocates-General, were the first point of contact between the court and the government. They must uphold the honour of the legal profession through exemplary conduct from both within and outside the courtroom.

Narendra Modi and D.Y Chandrachud attends the inaugural event of the Commonwealth Attorney - and Solicitor-General Conference. ANI

"The greatest glory of the Attorney-General is not to win cases for the government but to ensure that justice is done to the people," Chief Justice Chandrachud quoted from jurist Nani Palkhivala's letter to Soli Sorabjee on the latter's appointment as India's top law officer in 1989.

'Officers of the court'

It is the duty of the law officer to tell the government when it does not have a valid case, Chief Justice Chandrachud said.

"Law officers bear a greater responsibility in upholding ethical standards compared to private practitioners, given their role as guardians of the rule of law... It is imperative that law officers remain impervious to the politics of the day and conduct themselves with dignity in court, ensuring the integrity of legal proceedings... A crucial aspect of executive accountability rests on the ethical conduct and responsibility of law officers, who function not only as representatives of the government but also as officers of the court," Chief Justice Chandrachud said.

Expand cooperation

The Prime Minister and Chief Justice Chandrachud were speaking at the Commonwealth Attorney- and Solicitor-General Conference 2024 on Saturday.

The conference witnessed the participation of Attorneys-General and Solicitors-General from Commonwealth nations spanning the Asia-Pacific, Africa, and the Caribbean along with various international delegations.

The Chief Justice referred to the guidelines issued recently by the Supreme Court in a judgment which cautioned judges against leveraging the power to summon officials as a tool to pressure the government.

Mr. Modi, speaking on the topic of "Cross-border challenges in justice delivery", said countries need to expand cooperation in the investigation and justice delivery while respecting each other's respective jurisdictions.

"When we work together, jurisdiction becomes a tool to deliver justice without delaying it," Prime Minister Modi said.

Radical changes

The Prime Minister highlighted the radical changes in the nature and scope of crime in recent times, and of multinational criminal networks and their use of the latest technology in funding and operations.

Mr. Modi drew attention to the fact that economic crimes in one region were used to fund crimes in another.

He trained the spotlight on the challenges of the rise of cryptocurrency and cyber threats.

"The issues of the 21st century cannot be tackled with a 20th century approach," Mr. Modi said, underscoring the need to "rethink, reimagine and reform" legal systems.

Banwarilal Purohit

Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit quits

Vikas Vasudeva
CHANDIGARH

Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit on Saturday tendered his resignation from his position as the State's Governor, and the Administrator of the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

Citing "personal reasons" and "other commitments" for his resignation, Mr. Purohit sent a letter to President. His resignation came a day after he had met Union Home Minister.

Mr. Purohit has been Punjab's Governor since August 2021. After the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government was formed in Punjab in 2022, Mr. Purohit and Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann remained at loggerheads on numerous occasions over different issues. The tiff between the Governor and the AAP government remained on public display often.

Ladakh protesters seek Statehood and constitutional safeguards

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Ladakh observed a complete shutdown on Saturday as thousands gathered in Leh to demand constitutional safeguards, protection of cultural identity and environment, and Statehood for the Union Territory.

Chering Dorjay Lakrook, a member of the Leh Apex Body (LAB), said that a record number of people joined the procession and protest in Leh.

"All parts of Ladakh were shut down. People from China border and Nubra Valley travelled to Leh to participate in the protest. We will continue to press for our four demands," Mr. Lakrook said.

The LAB and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA), representing the Buddhist majority and Shia Muslim-dominated regions respectively, are jointly protesting for Statehood for Ladakh, the inclusion of Ladakh in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, thus giving it a tribal status, job reservation for local people and a Lok Sabha seat each for Leh and Kargil.

Public outcry: People taking out a protest in Leh on Saturday to demand constitutional safeguards, protection of cultural identity and environment, and Statehood for Ladakh. SAJJAD KARGILI

Fight for a cause

A former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) member from Ladakh, Thupstan Chhewang (76), said that he would fight for Ladakh's cause till the last breath. He was accompanied by Sonam Wangchuk, an education reformer and one of the popular faces from the region who inspired the Hindi movie *3 Idiots*.

Ladakh was turned into a Union Territory, as the Centre ended the special constitutional position of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and split the State into two Union Territories – without a Legislative Assembly – on August 5, 2019.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted a high-powered committee to address the grievances and demands of the people of Ladakh.

The committee led by Minister of State (Home) Nityanand Rai held its first meeting on December 4 last year. The next meeting is scheduled for February 19.

The committee has agreed to examine the demand of civil society groups in Ladakh to provide "constitutional safeguards" for the Union Territory.

In the past four years, Ladakh has shut down on multiple occasions amid fears of disempowerment of the local people and overreach of bureaucracy.

30 Indian fugitives were located abroad in 2022: govt. report

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

As many as 278 fugitives wanted in other countries were located in India in 2022, says the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), 2022-23 annual report.

The number of such individuals in 2021-22 and 2020-21 was 136 and 84, respectively.

The report said 30 Indian fugitives were located abroad and 24 others were deported in 2022.

Interpol shared 304 reports on "foreign terrorist fighters" with the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in 2022, the report says.

Interpol maintains a database of suspected foreign terrorist fighters.

The data, which includes intelligence on the capabilities, means and emerging trends of foreign terrorist fighters, are analysed and shared with member countries.

The reports received by the CBI are forwarded to the Multi Agency Centre (MAC) under the Intelligence Bureau and the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Data on passports

India uploaded data relating to 22,49,822 lost, stolen or revoked Indian passports to the Interpol SLTD (stolen lost travel document) database till December 31, 2022. The report stated that 1,333 cases of use of STLD-recorded Indian passports were reported or detected by agencies in other countries. Law enforcement officers around the world can check the validity of a travel or identity document in seconds using Interpol's SLTD database.

In the same year, as many as 114 Letters Rogatory (LRs) were received from various countries requesting assistance in the investigation of criminal matters, the report said. Four other requests under mutual legal assistance treaty (MLAT) were also received.

Of the 124 LRs sent to other countries by India, seeking assistance in criminal matters, only 38 were executed in 2022.

BJP MLA held for shooting of Shinde faction leader

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

BJP MLA Ganpat Gaikwad was arrested on Saturday for allegedly shooting Mahesh Gaikwad, a leader of the Eknath Shinde-led faction of Shiv Sena, at a police station in Maharashtra's Thane. Mr. Mahesh Gaikwad sustained six bullet wounds and is in critical condition at a private hospital in Thane. Upon his arrest, Mr. Ganpat Gaikwad said he had no regrets in doing so. Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis ordered a high-level inquiry with a special investigation team.

T.N.-based Christian social service organisation loses FCRA registration

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

It's is the second Tamil Nadu-based Christian association whose FCRA registration has been cancelled this year

The Union Home Ministry has cancelled the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) registration of a Christian organisation – Tamil Nadu Social Service Society (TASOSS).

The non-governmental organisation (NGO) is the second Tamil Nadu-based Christian association whose FCRA registration has been cancelled this year.

On account of violation

According to its website, which is under construction, TASOSS is an official organisation of the Tamil Nadu Catholic Bishops Conference.

The Ministry's orders said the organisation is no longer eligible to receive foreign donations and the registration has been cancelled on account of "violation".

The NGO is registered as a "social" organisation.

Registered associations under the FCRA can receive foreign contributions for social, educational, religious, economic and cultural programmes.

Cancelling registrations

FCRA registration is mandatory to receive foreign donations.

The cancellation comes days after the Ministry revoked the FCRA registration of World Vision India (WVI). Its parent arm, the U.S.-based World Vision, is one of the largest Christian voluntary groups with a presence in over 100 countries.

The WVI has been operational in India for the past 70 years. Through the FCRA, the Ministry regulates foreign donations to ensure that such funds do not adversely affect the country's internal security.

Since 2015, the FCRA registration of more than 16,000 NGOs has been cancelled on account of "violation".

As of February 3, there were 17,019 FCRA-registered NGOs active in the country.

The FCRA registration of nearly 6,000 NGOs ceased to operate from January 1, 2022, as the MHA either refused to renew their application or the NGOs did not apply.

ED moves court after Delhi CM skips fifth summons

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Saturday moved an application in the Rouse Avenue Court against Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for not complying with the summons issued by the agency pertaining to a money laundering case in the now-scrapped excise policy.

Mr. Kejriwal had on February 2 skipped the fifth summons issued by the investigative agency.

The court has listed the matter for February 7.

Modi govt. trying to end MGNREGS, says Ramesh

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after the 18th anniversary of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Congress leader Jairam Ramesh accused the Modi government of trying to end the programme.

Various interventions – such as low budgetary allocation, Aadhaar-based payment system that excludes 35% of registered workers, seven crore job card deletions and a smartphone-based attendance system – have been introduced with the design to kill the programme, he said.

"Of course, the PM's capitalist friends are not happy with MGNREGS and in his arrogance, the PM will try to do anything to destroy the programmes introduced by the Congress," he said.

Centre unrelenting, Bengal to pay MGNREGS workers

Mamata says wages will be transferred to bank accounts of 21 lakh beneficiaries by February 21; she made announcement at a dharna against the Centre over denial of wages under the scheme

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Loud and clear: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee with activist Yogendra Yadav at the dharna in Kolkata on Saturday. PTI

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday announced that the State government would clear the wages of 21 lakh workers of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) which have been kept pending by the Centre for the past two years.

"Their wages will be transferred to their bank accounts on February 21," Ms. Banerjee told a gathering on the second day of her dharna in protest against the denial of wages.

MGNREGS funds have not been released to the State since December 2021, resulting in large-scale distress. The decision by Ms. Banerjee comes ahead of the Lok Sabha election, particularly when the stoppage of MGNREGS work in the State has emerged as a major political issue.

"In Bengal, the poor people will not be deprived. I will play the game all out and win. *Khela Hobe!* If all States, frontal organisations, regional parties, and national parties move forward like this, the BJP's assumption that they will continue forever will be hit," she said.

Previous protests

This is not the first time that Ms. Banerjee sat on a dharna against the Centre on the issue. Last March, Ms. Banerjee staged a similar protest at the same venue.

In December, Ms. Banerjee, along with a group of Trinamool MPs, met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi, and urged him to release the funds. Last October, Trinamool general secretary Abhishek Banerjee staged a dharna in New Delhi and outside the Raj Bhavan in Kolkata.

The development also comes at time when the Calcutta High Court is hearing a petition on the pending MGNREGS wages in the State. The High Court on January 18 had directed setting up a four-member team for expeditious verification of job cards of MGNREGS on a district-wise basis.

Apurva Chandra appointed Health Secretary; Sanjay Jaju is the new I&B Secretary

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Apurva Chandra

Information and Broadcasting Secretary Apurva Chandra was appointed Health Secretary as part of a top-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre on Saturday.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved Mr. Chandra's appointment as the Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, an order issued by the Personnel Ministry said.

Senior bureaucrat Sanjay Jaju has been appointed Information and Broadcasting Secretary in place of Mr. Chandra.

Sukhbir Singh Sandhu, a 1988-batch retired IAS officer of the Uttarakhand cadre, has been named Secretary to the anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal on contract for a year, it said. Ashish Kumar Bhutani, a 1992-batch IAS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, will be Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation. Senior bureaucrat Raj Kumar Goyal has been appointed Secretary, Department of Border Management.

Legal Affairs Secretary Niten Chandra will now be Secretary, Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, and K. Moses Chalai has been named Secretary of Inter State Council Secretariat under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Senior IAS officer Anil Malik has been appointed Officer on Special Duty (OSD), Ministry of Women and Child Development.

Sumita Dawra, Special Secretary (Logistics) in the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, will now be Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

Vijay Kumar, Special Secretary in the Ministry of Cooperation, has been named as Chairman, Inland Waterways Authority of India.

The ACC has approved appointment of Reeta Vasishta, in-charge of Central Agency Section, Ministry of Law and Justice, as the Member Secretary, 22nd Law Commission of India, the order said.

PM lays stress on 'Modi guarantee' at rally in Odisha

The Hindu Bureau
BHUBANESWAR

Highlighting the "Modi guarantee" as a key campaign slogan in the run-up to the Lok Sabha election, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that, "Modi's commitment begins where expectations from others conclude." He was addressing a rally in Sambalpur city of Odisha on Saturday

"The new Budget was unveiled just two days ago, reinforcing a policy that has lifted 25 crore people out of poverty in the last decade. This Budget is a guarantee to bolster support for the impoverished. It provides guarantee for the development of all sections of society," Mr. Modi said at arguably the first poll rally ahead of 2024 Lok Sabha election.

"Those who did not have any guarantee to offer to bank have now Modi guarantee," he said.

Earlier in the day, he inaugurated development projects worth around ₹70,000 crore.

Nation honoured one of its greatest sons: PM on award for Advani

The Hindu Bureau
BHUBANESWAR

Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that the nation does not forget people who have devoted their lives to its service.

He was speaking in Odisha on the decision to confer the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, on former Deputy Prime Minister L.K Advani.

"Today, the nation honoured one of its greatest sons, Lal Krishna Advani, former Deputy Prime Minsiter, by deciding to give him the Bharat Ratna, the Prime Minister said.

Mr. Advani's remarkable contributions to the nation, serving as Deputy Prime Minister, Home Minister, and Information and Broadcasting Minister, coupled with his decades-long commitment as a faithful and vigilant Parliamentarian, have been truly exceptional, Mr. Modi said.

"I am fortunate to receive the constant love and guidance of Mr. Advani," Mr. Modi said.

"This accolade symbolises a commitment to the 'nation first' ideology and is bestowed in recognition of the remarkable transformation of a two-parliamentarian party into the largest political entity. It also acknowledges the dedication of cadres who have played a crucial role in strengthening democracy within the country," he said.

"During a period when the BJP faced political isolation due to a politics of a different kind, former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, along with leaders like Mr. Advani, successfully dismantled the barriers erected by conspirators," he said.

BJP tried to steal people's mandate in Jharkhand using Central agencies: Rahul

The Hindu Bureau
RANCHI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of using Central agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to topple the Jharkhand government.

"Injustice has been done to the government of Jharkhand," Mr. Gandhi said, speaking at Godda during his ongoing Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra.

"The people of this State elected a Congress-supported government but Narendra Modi*ji* used ED, CBI and the Income Tax Department, giving them instructions to act against all those who opposed them. The BJP tried to steal the government elected by the people of Jharkhand. However, the Congress stood firm with the people's mandate and saved the government of Jharkhand," he said.

'Fighting BJP's ideology'

He added that the Congress and other alliance partners of the INDIA bloc are fighting against the ideology of the BJP across the country, asserting that none of them were scared of investigative agencies.

His remarks come against the backdrop of a political crisis in Jharkhand triggered by former Chief Minister Hemant Soren's arrest in connection with an alleged money laundering scam. Mr. Soren is currently in the ED's custody.

Mr. Gandhi also alleged that the BJP was spreading hatred in the society and forcing people to fight with each other in the name of caste and religion.

New Ministers get portfolios in Nitish govt.

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

In an apparent replay of the 2020 NDA regime in Patna, the new Bihar government on Saturday allocated portfolios to its six Ministers, along with the Chief Minister and two Deputy CMs. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar retained the Home portfolio, while giving the Finance and Health Ministries to the BJP.

Trinamool MP terms Adhir a 'traitor', says he won't return to LS

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Kalyan Banerjee also called the Congress leader the biggest agent of the BJP

With talks of seat-sharing between the Congress and the Trinamool Congress failing in West Bengal, the bitterness between the two parties is increasing with every passing day.

After Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee expressed doubts over the Congress' ability to secure "even 40 seats" in the State in the upcoming Lok Sabha election, Trinamool leader Kalyan Banerjee on Saturday said that his party would ensure that State Congress president Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury did not return to the Lok Sabha.

"Whatever happens, in 2024, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury will not return to Lok Sabha. We will ensure that," Mr. Kalyan said. He dubbed Mr. Chowdhury a "traitor" and said that he was the "biggest agent of the BJP and Narendra Modi in West Bengal".

Ms. Banerjee on Friday reiterated that she had proposed the "Congress contest 300 seats (across the country where the BJP is the main Opposition), but they refused to heed", and added, "I doubt if they will secure even 40 seats if they contested 300".

Responding to Ms.Banerjee's remarks, Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said that the Chief Minister would be proved wrong on her prediction with reference to the Congress.

"Mamata Banerjee is scared of the BJP and that is the reason she is changing her stance every day," Mr. Chowdhury said. " I am unable to understand what is actually in their mind. But it's quite unfortunate to see that a leader who is in the INDIA bloc says such things,"he added.

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INBRIEF

Two Naxalites killed in encounter in Chhattisgarh

Two Naxalites were killed in a gun battle with security forces in Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh, the police said on Saturday. The encounter took place near Gomagal village, where a team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxalite operation on Friday, an official said. The operation was launched following a tip-off about the presence of 'Arab', alias Kamlesh, secretary of the Nelnar area committee of Maoists, he said. Bodies of two Naxalites, along with a .12-bore gun and a muzzle-loading gun, were recovered from the spot, he said. Earlier this week, three CRPF personnel were killed and 15 others injured in the encounter in Sukma. The CM (in picture) had paid tributes to them. PTI

Odisha govt. to come up with language policy for Odia

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Saturday announced to come up with a special language policy aimed at the promotion of the Odia language . Inaugurating the first-ever "World Odia Language Conference" in Bhubaneswar, Mr. Patnaik said, "Language is a unifying factor for a race." "Odia can be enriched further with the addition of new words. Culture and technology have their influences on language," he said calling upon experts to deliberate on these issues. "There should be discussion on good Odia literature and its usage. We must know the history of our language, reflect on the present condition of the language and lay foundation for the future," Mr. Patnaik said.

Chhattisgarh to give cash to married women from March 1

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government in Chhattisgarh will roll out the *Mahatari Vandan Yojana* – a monthly cash assistance scheme for married women – from March 1, announced Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Saturday. Eligible beneficiaries will receive ₹12,000 per year, transferred to their bank accounts in monthly installments of ₹1,000 under the scheme. The *Mahatari Vandan Yojana*, a key BJP election promise, played a pivotal role in securing women's support, thus contributing to the party's return to power after a five-year gap. While the benefits would commence from March 1, the online application process for the scheme would be open from February 5 to 20, 2024.

Woman judge found dead at official residence in U.P.

A 27-year-old civil judge posted in Badaun district of Uttar Pradesh was found dead at her official residence on Saturday. The death caused a stir, with top district police officials reaching the spot and launching an investigation. "Around 10 a.m., the local police were informed that a woman judge had not reported for duty and was not reachable on phone. When the police reached the judicial quarters, they found the body hanging from a fan," Alok Priyadarshi, Senior Superintendent of Police, said. *(Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies can dial Sanjivini, Society for Mental Health - 011-4076 9002)*

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Big jump by Haryana youth, giant leap for Kalaripayattu

Ashok Kumar
GURUGRAM

Mind and body: Kalaripayattu artists perform the martial arts form on Haryana Day in Faridabad on November 1. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

When Mohini Dahiya, 14, from the obscure Kaimri village in Hisar of Haryana, first told her father about the southern Indian martial arts form Kalaripayattu a year ago, he was doubtful about his daughter pursuing it as a sport. "I couldn't pronounce the word," said Vinod Dahiya, an autorickshaw driver. He agreed because the cost of the diet was much lower than that required for wrestling, kabaddi, and boxing, the three most popular sports in the State.

Ms. Mohini missed winning a medal at the Khelo India Youth Games, 2023, in Tamil Nadu, held between January 19 and 31, but won gold at a State-level event. "I enjoy the jumping and kicking involved," she said. This year at the games, Haryana came second in Kalaripayattu, just after Kerala, in the boys' category. They won four medals, including a gold for a high kick by Aryan Goyat, 17, from Kaithal.

Boys and girls in Haryana have taken to Kalaripayattu, largely practised and trained in Kerala and now treated as a sport, after its introduction to the Khelo India games in 2021, along with three other forms: gatka, mallakhamb, thang-ta.

In fact, Mr. Aryan won a silver in thang-ta, a Manipuri form, in 2021. "I have been practising martial arts for four years but took up Kalaripayattu last year after a Panipat camp by the erstwhile Kalaripayattu State Association," he said. His coaching academy has about 20 Kalaripayattu players, including six girls. He feels the sport will only pick up because "Haryana *wale chot lagne se darte nahi* (People from Haryana are not scared of getting injured)".

Haryana Kalaripayattu ad hoc committee general-secretary Ramachandran P.R., who runs a training academy in Faridabad with the support of the Faridabad Malayali Association, said, "The boys and girls from Haryana have done exceptionally well in high-kick and sword-and-shield events, while the players of south Indian origin representing Haryana have scored over them in the traditional events such as *chuvadukal* (hand-and-foot movement)," he said.

Khushiyal Singh, 18, a Class 12 student at a government school in Faridabad's Chandawali village, was also part of Haryana's Kalaripayattu contingent at the Khelo India Games, 2023.

Son of a dhaba owner, Mr. Khushiyal said, "I found it interesting. Also, it is easy to find a place in the State team with it since it is a relatively new sport for Haryana and the competition is not that stiff."

Arjun Chauhan, who runs Vijay Martial Arts Sports Academy in Faridabad, said he had 20 students, including four girls, at his training centre. "It is a form of self-defence. It is also safer than wrestling and boxing, which makes it popular," he said. Mr. Chauhan said Faridabad alone had around 200 students pursuing this martial arts form.

Priya Poonia, 16, the daughter of a construction worker from Rohtak, shifted to Bhiwani to stay with her paternal aunt a year ago, to pursue her dream of making it big in boxing. She was drawn to Kalaripayattu after a coach at the centre introduced them to it six months ago. She too was a part of Haryana's contingent at the 2023 Khelo games.

Sawmya M. Pillai, a coach at the training centre run by the Faridabad Malayali Association, said that almost half of the 30-odd students at the centre were north Indians. "Not all of those who come to our training centre want to pursue it as a sports. It is also a good way to keep healthy and active. Many parents send their children to us so that they spend less time on mobile phones," said Ms. Pillai, who also works at a railway track maintenance company in Faridabad.

Most trainers have full-time jobs and do this as voluntary work. She also mentioned that they also have women over 40 coming in to train.

Manipur CM meets Shah, discusses State issues

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh met Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday amid fresh violence in the State.

After the meeting, Mr. Singh said in a post on X, "Rest assured, the Government of India is set to take some important decisions in the interests of the people of Manipur."

His post said, "Engaging in a profound exchange, we discussed matters of paramount importance concerning our State."

Some 10 people had been killed since January 1 in different incidents reported from the State.

After meeting Mr. Shah, the Chief Minister met senior officials of the Union Home Ministry at North Block.

"Post-meeting with Hon'ble Union Home Minister Shri @AmitShah Ji, I convened with senior officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs at the North Block, New Delhi. Held a productive discussion on the strategic measures undertaken for fostering peace in Manipur," he said.

Manipur has been affected by ethnic violence between the Meitei community and Kuki-Zo people since May 3, 2023.

Around 200 people have been killed in the violence while thousands of persons have been displaced from their homes.

Military, police bust racket illegally selling Army's new uniforms

One person was held and 40 counterfeit uniforms were recovered; individuals in Rajasthan, Delhi are suspected to be part of nexus

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Wrong channel: The counterfeit Army uniform sets which were being sold in Ahmednagar. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

In the first major recovery of illegally sold counterfeit uniforms made according to the Army's new digital combat pattern, a joint operation by Southern Command Military Intelligence, Pune and Bhingar Camp Police Station, Ahmednagar nabbed one person and recovered 40 such counterfeit uniforms.

A statement from the local police said that the arrested individual was from Nashik district; on questioning, he said that he had brought new combat uniforms for sale without having a valid licence. A case has been registered and investigation is being conducted by the Bhingar Camp police station.

Investigation has highlighted that a major racket of illegal sales of the new combat pattern uniform is being run in the open market, with the possible involvement of individuals in New Delhi and Rajasthan, a defence source said.

10-year IPR

The new digital pattern combat uniform was unveiled by the Army on January 15, 2022, and the old uniform is in the process of being replaced. The new uniform has a contemporary look and the fabric has been made lighter, stronger, breathable, quick drying, and easier to maintain.

The Army has obtained the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) for the design and camouflage patterns for a 10-year period, extendable for another five years. "The above has been done to prevent unauthorised vendors from manufacturing and selling the combat pattern dress in the open market, as it was posing a serious security threat for the Indian Army and the nation as a whole," the Army had stated earlier.

As per orders, the new uniforms will only be sold in the Army's unit-run canteens. Due to the IPR, the Army now possesses exclusive rights to the design and can file a legal suit against any design infringement and unauthorised reproduction of this design, it had stated.

To introduce the new uniform, 50,000 sets were procured through the Canteen Stores Department (CSD) and delivered to 15 CSD depots across the country. The Army had also conducted workshops to train civil and military tailors in stitching the new uniform to the specified design, in coordination with instructors from the National Institute of Fashion Technology, Delhi.

Court to look into the curious case of 'planted' earrings

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court has decided to examine the bail plea of a 22-year-old man who alleges that the Maharashtra Police planted a pair of gold earrings on him to frame him in a theft-and-murder case.

In fact, the man said the ornament was recovered months ago from another man whom the police said was his co-accused.

A Bench headed by Justice Hrishikesh Roy has issued notice to the State of Maharashtra.

The petitioner, Monu Kisanlal Kumar, is one of the two accused in the murder of a woman at a construction site in 2021. Kumar has been behind bars for two years now.

Though the Maharashtra Police *panchnama* shows the ornament was found on Kumar, his lawyers, Sriram Parakkat and Sana Raees Khan, drew the attention of the Bench to police records showing that the same piece of jewellery was recovered months ago from the co-accused in the case.

"On the recovery of the earrings on the basis of the statement made to the police, counsel points out that this is highly improbable in as much as on November 26, 2021, the recovery of earrings is shown from accused no. 1. Curiously, the same article is shown to

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> **SUPREME COURT**

have been recovered from the accused no. 2, on January 15, 2022," the top court recorded in its recent order.

According to the police, Kumar and his co-accused, Shivkumar, were interrupted by the victim during the theft. They stopped her from raising an alarm by fatally attacking her.

The duo allegedly stole ₹30,000, a small bag containing identity documents, a chain and the victim's gold earrings.

Kumar's lawyers argue that the FIR was filed after a day's delay and is based on hearsay. There was no eyewitness to confirm that he had played any part in the crime. The case against him was based on the statement given by Shivkumar, amounting to an extra-judicial confession. His name was maliciously roped in by the police, they said.

The top court has listed the bail plea after three weeks.

Dusted Apollo sighted for first time in Himachal's Chamba

Vikas Vasudeva
CHANDIGARH

Dusted Apollo (*Parnassius stenosemus*), a rare high-altitude butterfly, has been sighted and photographed for the first time in Himachal Pradesh, indicating the flourishing diversity of Apollo butterflies in the region, bringing cheers to butterfly enthusiasts.

The butterfly was sighted and photographed in September 2023, during a trek to Manimahesh Lake in Chamba by Gajinder Verma and Abinash Thakur, both forest guards of Chamba Forest Circle, Himachal Pradesh Forest Department. The species was discovered in 1890.

The distribution range of Dusted Apollo extends from Ladakh to west Nepal and it flies between 3,500 to 4,800 metres in the inner Himalayas.

Dusted Apollo is extremely rare and has never been photographed before in Himachal Pradesh.

Found in Chamba

Lovish Garlani, a butterfly expert and researcher associated as a technical consultant with the State Forest Department, told *The Hindu*, "The Dusted Apollo species closely resembles Ladakh Banded Apollo (*Parnnasius stoliczkanus*). But the discal band on the upper fore wing in Dusted Apollo is complete and extends from costa to vein one, whereas the discal band is incomplete and extends only up to vein four in Ladakh Banded Apollo. Moreover, the Dark marginal band on the hind wings is much narrower in Dusted Apollo while it is broad in Ladakh Banded Apollo. After it was photographed in Chamba, its identification was confirmed a month ago after thorough scientific examinations."

Dusted Apollo, a rare high-altitude butterfly, was photographed in Chamba district of Himachal Pradesh. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Rare species Regal Apollo, protected under Wildlife Protection Act, was found at Manimahesh

Another rare species, Regal Apollo (*Parnnasius charltonius*), which is protected under Schedule II of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, was also photographed at Manimahesh, he said.

"It is an encouraging indication of the flourishing diversity of Apollo butterflies in the region. Apollos are considered commercially important butterflies and they fetch high prices in the poaching industry. There are 11 Apollo species recorded from Himachal Pradesh and five of them are declared as Scheduled species. Most of the Apollo butterflies are now endangered and need immediate attention for their conservation and protection," Mr. Garlani said.

Concerned over the declining trend of the number of butterflies in the State, Mr. Garlani said there was an immediate need to protect these rare butterfly species. "Community awareness about poaching and the importance of these species may play an important role in their conservation. Also, establishing butterfly parks and conservation reserves in the State should be on the priority list of the government," he said.

SEOUL

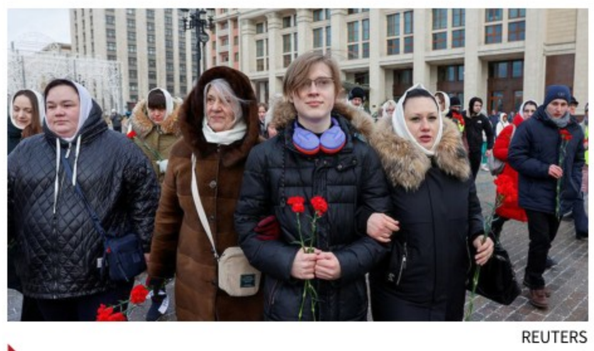
S. Korea summons Russian envoy over criticism of Yoon's remarks

AP

South Korea on Saturday summoned Russia's envoy in Seoul to lodge a complaint over Moscow's criticism of recent remarks by South Korea President Yoon Suk-yeol on North Korea's pursuit of a nuclear arsenal. Seoul said the remarks would only have a negative impact on the relationship between the two countries. REUTERS

MOSCOW

Reporters detained at Moscow protest held by soldiers' wives

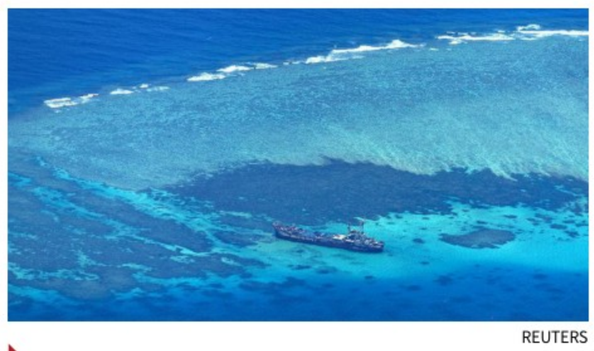


REUTERS

The Russian police on Saturday released about 20 reporters, who had been detained at a protest in Moscow by wives of men mobilised to fight in Ukraine. The women have staged rare protests outside the Kremlin walls for weeks — an uncomfortable movement for the authorities that has so far not been put down. AFP

SHANGHAI

China says Philippine vessel 'illegally' landed on disputed atoll



REUTERS

China said on Saturday a small civilian vessel from the Philippines had "illegally placed itself on the beach" of an atoll in the South China Sea that both countries claim. The vessel, which landed on the Spratly Islands atoll on Friday, was there for supply purposes, the China Coast Guard posted on the Weixin platform. REUTERS

LOS ANGELES

Carl Weathers, who acted as Apollo Creed in *Rocky*, dies at 76

AFP

Carl Weathers, the U.S. actor who played boxer Apollo Creed in the *Rocky* franchise, going toe-to-toe with Sylvester Stallone in some of cinema's most memorable — and bloody boxing moments, has died, his family said on Friday. He was 76. Weathers, also starred in the 1987 film *Predator*, opposite Arnold Schwarzenegger. AFP

U.S. downs 8 drones off Yemen, strikes 4 on ground

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

American forces shot down eight drones near Yemen and destroyed four more on the ground, the U.S. military said on Saturday, announcing a series of incidents that took place the previous day.

The strikes and shootdowns in and around Yemen came as American forces launched a wave of air raids on Iran-linked targets in Iraq and Syria in retaliation for an attack that killed three U.S. troops last weekend.

A U.S. Navy destroyer shot down one drone on Friday morning while F/A-18 warplanes and another ship downed seven later in the day, and American forces destroyed four more before they could be launched, the Central Command (CENTCOM) said on social media.

CENTCOM said the four drones destroyed on the ground belonged to Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi rebels.

U.S. air strikes on Iran-linked groups anger Iraq and Syria

Washington cites attack on its base in Jordan as reason for reprisal but refrains from striking inside Iran; Hamas accuses U.S. of 'pouring oil on fire'; Russia calls for UN Security Council meeting

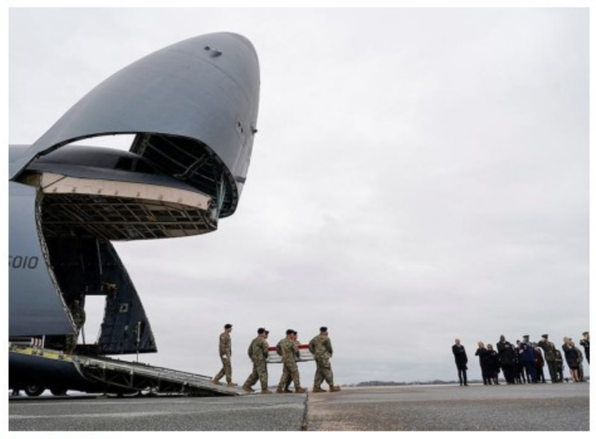
Agence France-Presse
DAMASCUS

The United States struck overnight Iran-backed groups in Iraq and Syria in retaliation for a deadly attack on U.S. troops, drawing condemnation Saturday from government and groups in the region.

The U.S., which promised more strikes, blamed Sunday's drone attack on a U.S. base in Jordan on forces backed by Iran.

U.S. forces however did not strike inside Iranian territory, with both Washington and Tehran seemingly keen to avoid all-out war.

But with tensions already running high in the face of the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza, both the Syrian and Iraqi government joined Tehran in accusing Washington of undermining regional stability.



Root cause: The remains of the U.S. troops, killed in an attack on a base in Jordan, being received at the Dover Air Force Base. REUTERS

National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said U.S. warplanes struck "more than 85 targets at seven facilities", four in Syria and three in Iraq. "These targets were carefully selected to avoid civilian casualties," he added.

But the Iraqi government said civilians were among at least 16 people killed in the country's west, and Damascus also reported civilian deaths, but a war monitor said all 29 killed in the U.S. strikes on Syria were fighters.

Grave situation: Iraq

"This aggressive air strike will push the security situation in Iraq and the region to the brink of the abyss," Iraqi government spokesman Bassem al-Awadi said. Iraqi Prime Minister Mohamed Shia al-Sudani declared three days of mourning.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani said the overnight operation was "another strategic mistake by the U.S. government, which will have no result other than intensifying tension and instability."

Hamas, whose unprecedented October 7 attack on Israel sparked the current spiral of violence in the region, accused Washington of pouring "oil on the fire".

Meanwhile, Russia called for a UN Security Council meeting "over the threat to peace and safety created by U.S. strikes on Syria and Iraq".

The Syrian Foreign Ministry said the strikes served to "inflame the conflict in the Middle East (West Asia) in an extremely dangerous way".

U.S. President Joe Biden said the overnight strikes were only a beginning. "Our response... will continue at times and places of our choosing," he said.

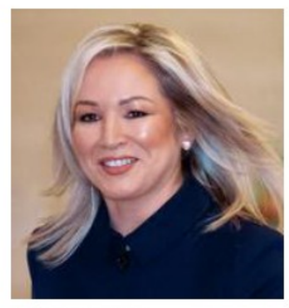
Northern Ireland appoints Irish nationalist as First Minister in a historic shift

Reuters
BELFAST

Northern Ireland's Parliament appointed an Irish nationalist as First Minister for the first time on Saturday, a historic milestone in a state established a century ago to ensure the dominance of pro-British unionists.

Michelle O'Neill's appointment, the delayed result of a watershed 2022 election, is the latest sign of the rise of a Sinn Fein party in the British region that has said its ultimate dream of a united Ireland is "within touching distance."

The appointment came as Sinn Fein's pro-British rival, the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), formally ended a two-year boycott of the power-sharing government after this week striking a deal with the British government to ease trade frictions.



Michelle O'Neill

"This is an historic day which represents a new dawn," Ms. O'Neill, 47, said in her acceptance speech. "I will serve everyone equally and be a First Minister for all."

Ms. O'Neill and Sinn Fein President Mary Lou McDonald represent a shift to a new generation of Sinn Fein politicians not directly involved in the region's decades-long bloody conflict between Irish nationalists seeking a united Ireland and pro-British unionists wanting to remain the United Kingdom.

The post of deputy First Minister, which has equal power under Northern Ireland's system of power-sharing government but less symbolic weight, is to be taken by the DUP's Emma Little-Pengelly.

Thailand and Sri Lanka sign free trade agreement

Reuters
COLOMBO

Thailand and Sri Lanka signed a Free Trade Agreement on Saturday, a move Sri Lanka hopes will help it emerge from its worst financial crisis in decades.

The Agreement is aimed at enhancing market opportunities, with negotiations covering various aspects such as Trade in Goods, Investment, Customs Procedure and Intellectual Property Rights.

A delegation headed by Thai Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin arrived in Colombo on Saturday to sign the FTA along with other agreements and Mr. Thavisin will also attend Sri Lanka's 76th Independence Day celebrations on Sunday.

Imran, wife Bushra get 7-year jail term for 'un-Islamic marriage'

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

He was earlier sentenced to 10 years in the cipher case and 14 years in the Toshakhana case

A Pakistan court on Saturday sentenced jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi to seven years imprisonment in the 'un-Islamic nikah' case, less than a week before the general elections.

Mounting woes

This is 71-year-old Mr. Khan's fourth conviction since 2022 adding to the troubles of the beleaguered founder of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf (PTI) party ahead of the February 8 polls.

Ms. Bibi's first husband, Khawar Maneka, had filed the case, alleging that she violated the Islamic practice of observing the mandatory pause or *Iddat* between two marriages.

Mr. Maneka also accused his ex-wife and Mr. Khan of being in an adulterous relationship before marriage, a crime punishable by death by stoning.

The court also slapped fines of (Pakistan) Rs.5,00,000 each on the couple. They were present in the courtroom when the verdict was announced.

Earlier this week, Mr. Khan was sentenced to 10 years in the cipher case and 14 years in the Toshakhana case.

Maldives formally requests India to share details of Coast Guard actions

Press Trust of India
MALE

The Maldives' government has formally requested the Indian government to provide "comprehensive details" of an incident in which its Coast Guard personnel allegedly boarded three Maldivian fishing vessels operating within its economic zone.

The development is the latest in the diplomatic row between the two nations that led to the strain in ties after President Mohamed Muizzu, widely seen as a pro-China leader, came to power in November last year in the Maldives.

On January 31, the Indian Army intercepted a Maldivian fishing boat engaged in fishing activities within the Maldives' Special Economic Zone (EEZ), located 72 nautical miles northeast of Dhidhdhoo, Haa Alifu Atoll, the Maldives' Defence Ministry claimed in a statement.

It said that the Indian troops boarded three fishing boats within the Maldives EEZ without prior consultation with relevant authorities, thereby breaching international maritime laws and regulations.

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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

Tenders are invited through GoK e-Procurement platform **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from individuals/reputed firms/ Joint Venture Companies/Consortium of Companies for the work of **"Design, Engineering, Manufacturing, testing at manufacturer's works before dispatch, supply, transportation storage at site, intra-site transportation, Insurance, erection, testing and commissioning of 8 nos. Vertical Francis Reversible Pump-Turbines and Synchronous Motor-Generator sets each of 250MW capacity along with all associated auxiliary and ancillary equipment, 420KV GIS, Pothead Yard & Power evacuation Structures including civil and HM works at Sharavathy Pumped Storage Project on EPC basis at Upper Dam (Shivamogga) & Lower Dam (Uttara Kannada), Karnataka.** Those who have not registered in KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** may do so in order to participate in the tender. The calender of activities, bid notification containing the qualifying criteria for the bidders, Earnest Money Deposit and other details can be accessed from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be obtained from **Chief Engineer (Civil) Designs, KPCL, Green Building, 1st Floor, Drug Controller's Office premises, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560001, E-mail: cecdkpcl@karnataka.gov.in**

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The Rajasthan Public Works Department is engaged in the development of Bridges and as part of this endeavour, it has been decided to undertake in following works in the State of Rajasthan on **EPC Basis through an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contract.**

The Rajasthan PWD, now invites bids from eligible contractors for the following project:-

State	Section	Name of work	Estimated Project Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Completion period	Maintenance period
Rajasthan	Indergarh-Chambal Dhipari-Rajopa-Itawa-Pipalda-Shanawada Road SH-120	Construction of High Level Bridge on Ch. 51/500 Indergarh-Chambal Dhipari-Rajopa-Itawa-Pipalda-Shanawada Road SH-120 in Distt. Kota **UBN No. PWD2324WLOB18347**	1227.75	12 Month	10 years / 120 Months

The complete BID document can be viewed / downloaded from official e-procurement portal of Rajasthan Government http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in or http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in from **05.02.2024 to 26.02.2024 (up to 18.00 Hrs. IST). Bid must be submitted online only at http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in on or before_26.02.2024 (up to 18.00 hours IST). Bids received online shall be opened on 28.02.2024 (at 15.00 Hours IST).**

Bid through any other mode shall not be entertained. However, Bid Security, Bid Processing Fee (RISL), Bidding Document Fee, Correctness Certificate on Non-Judicial Stamp Rs. 2500/- in prescribed format. Power of Attorney and Joint Bidding Agreement etc. shall be submitted online before_**26.02.2024 (up to 18.00 Hrs. IST)**. Please note that the Authority/ reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the BIDs without assigning any reason whatsoever.

(A. K. Sahu)
Addl. Chief Engineer
PWD Zone Kota

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Address of the Branch: Door No.5-9-76, 2nd Floor, Prabhat Towers, Opp: SBI, Amaravathi LHO, Chapel Road, Gunfoundry, Hyderabad-500001.
Authorized Officer's Details: Name: Shri. A V U Prabhakar, Asst. General Manager, E-mail Id: team4samb.sec@sbi.co.in, Mobile No.8008572402, Land Line No.(Office): 040-23251921

Appendix - IV-A [See Proviso to rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISION TO RULE 8(6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULE 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive/Physical Possession** of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India,** the Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is Where is, As is What is and Whatever there is" basis on 06.03.2024,** for recovery of **Rs.50,62,79,525.38 (Rupees Fifty Crore sixty two lacs seventy nine thousand five hundred twenty five and paise thirty eight only)** as on 31.12.2015 and interest from 01.01.2016 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc, due to the **State Bank of India,** Secured Creditor and to the other members of the consortium namely **1) Punjab National Bank: Rs.44,51,68,425/-** as on 30.04.2016 with interest due from 01.03.2017 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., **2) Union Bank of India: Rs.41,96,26,000/-** as on 31.10.2015 with interest from 01.11.2015 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., **3) e-Andhra Bank (Now merged with Union Bank of India): Rs.30,55,66,396.73** as on 31.03.2016 with interest from 01.04.2016 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc... and **4) Indian Bank: (Loan now assigned to Pridhvi ARC): Rs.40,77,23,185/-** as on 31.01.2016 with interest from 01.02.2016 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., (less any amount paid by the Borrower/Guarantors, the Company and recovery made through auction sale of properties/other modes), from the borrower **M/s Variegate Projects Private Limited,** Plot No.436, Road No.80, Jubilee Hills, Phase-III, Hyderabad-500033, represented by its **Managing Director, Shri G.L.Siva Reddy** and **Guarantors: 1) Shri. Gunreddy Lakshmana Siva Reddy, S/o. Shri.G.Ravindranatha Reddy,** Villa No.26, Lumbini SLN Springs, Gachibowli, BSD Botanical Garden, Hyd-500032. **2) Shri. Gunreddy Ravindranatha Reddy,** H.No.3-74, Kasnur Village, Simhadripuram Mandal, Kadapa District-516454. **3) Shri. Kudumula Pradeep Kumar Reddy, S/o. Shri K.Prabhakar Reddy,** # 9-430, Srinivasa Nagar, Proddatur, Kadapa Dist-516360. **4) Shri. Kudumula Prabhakar Reddy, S/o. Shri Kudumula Venkata Muni Reddy,** # 9-430, Srinivasa Nagar, Proddatur, Kadapa Dist-516360. **5) Smt. Kotimreddy Anita, W/o. Shri Kotimeddy Sridhar Reddy,** Plot No.255 & 256, Flat No.5A, Doyen Habitat Apartment, Srinagar Colony. Hyderabad. **6) Shri. Madala Saikumar S/o. Late. Madala Ramalingeswara Rao,** Flat No.404, 416 - 17, Creative Avenue Apartments, Marripalem, VUDA Layout, Visakhapatnam. **7) The Managing Director, M/s Variegate Hotels India Private Limited,** Plot No.564 - A/17, 3rd Floor, Serenity Work Space, Road No.92, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500096. **8) The Proprietor, M/s Variegate Logistics & Warehousing Company,** Plot No.436, Phase-III, Road No.80, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500033.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES:

Property No.1: All that the Industrial Property bearing Plot No.2 in Sy.Nos.553 part, 554 part & 555 Part admeasuring built-up area of 10438 sft over land area of Ac.2.26 gts situated at SIPCOT Industrial Complex at Hosur Village limits of Zuzuvadi, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri Revenue District, Tamil Nadu State belonging to **M/s Variegate Logistic and Warehousing Company** vide Sale Deed Doc.No.16169/2006 dated 22.09.2006 registered at office of the Sub-Registrar, Hosur and **bounded by: North:** Plot No.3, **South:** Plot No.1, **East:** Private Land, **West:** 12.20 meter wide SIPCOT Feeder Road.

Reserve Price: 23,13,00,000/- EMD: 2,31,30,000/- Auction date: 06.03.2024
Auction Time: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Bid Increment Rs. 5,00,000/-

Property No.2: All that Piece and parcel of total land admeasuring Ac. 0.36 Cents including building with 21,990 Sft built up area in premises bearing D.No. 7/347-4, G,H,K,L,M,N & O on Plots bearing No. 59, 60, 61, 62 in Sy.Nos. 755/3, 755/4, 755/5 situated at Opposite RTC Bus Station, Simhapuri Colony, Chinnachowk Revenue Village, Kadapa Municipal Corporation, Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh belonging to **M/s Variegate Hotels India Pvt Ltd.,** registered vide Sale Deed Doc.No. 3466/2009 dated 11.08.2009, and **bounded by: North:** Bhaskar Reddy Plot, **South:** 120 ft Main Road, **East:** 40ft Road, **West:** 40ft Road.

Reserve Price: 20,78,06,000/- EMD: 2,07,80,600/- Auction date: 06.03.2024
Auction Time: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Bid Increment: Rs. 5,00,000/-

Property No.3: All that the Open and Vacant land bearing Plot No.109/CS-4 in Ramky Villas Pearl Project admeasuring 340 Sq.yards or 286.70 Sq.meters in Sy.Nos.143 to 147 and 149 to 156 situated at Kukatpally Village, Balanagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District belonging to **Shri. Kudumula Pradeep Kumar Reddy, S/o Shri Kudumula Prabhakar Reddy** vide Doc.No.3304/2009 dated 17.09.2009 registered at office of the Sub Registrar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad and **bounded by: North:** Plot No.107 and 111CS-2 & CS-6, **South:** 60' wide Road, **East:** 40' wide Road, **West:** Plot No.108/CS-5.

Reserve Price: Rs.3,51,90,000/- EMD: Rs.35,19,000/- Auction date: 06.03.2024
Auction Time: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Bid Increment Rs. 5,00,000/-

Property No.4: All that the Open and Vacant land bearing Plot No.108/CS-5 in Ramky Villas Pearl Project admeasuring 340 Sq.yards or 286.70 Sq.meters in Sy.Nos.143 to 147 and 149 to 156 situated at Kukatpally Village, balanagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District belonging to **Sri Kudumula Prabhakar, S/o Shri.KudumulaVenkata Muni Reddy** vide Doc.No.3305/2009 dated 17.09.2009 registered at office of the Sub Registrar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad and bounded by: North: Plot No.107/CS-6, South: 60' wide Road, East: 40' wide Road, West: Plot No.104/CS-4.

Reserve Price: Rs.3,80,60,000/- EMD: Rs.38,06,000/- Auction date: 06.03.2024
Auction Time: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Bid Increment Rs.5,00,000/-

Property No.5: All that the part and parcel of property bearing H.No.6-85/70/B on Plot No.70-B admeasuring 500 Sq.yards or 418 Sq.Mtrs situated at Nandi Hills of Raidurg, Pan Maktha Village, Serilingampally Mandal and Municipality, Ranga Reddy District belonging to Smt. Kotam Reddy Anitha W/o Shri. Kotam Reddy Sridhar Reddy vide Doc.No.10464/2002 dated 27.1.2002 registered at office of the District Registrar, Ranga Reddy and **bounded by: North:** Plot No.70-A, **South:** 30 ft Wide Road, **East:** 50 ft wide Road, **West:** Plot No.69.

Reserve Price: Rs.7,50,00,000/- EMD: Rs.75,00,000/- Auction date: 06.03.2024
Auction Time: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Bid Increment Rs.5,00,000/-

Property No.6: All the land admeasuring Ac.4-11 cents in Sy.No.33, Ac.1.47 cents in Sy.No.37, Ac.3.83 cents in Sy.No.38, Ac.4-66 cents in Sy.No.39 and total land admeasuring Ac.14.07 cents situated at Dopperla Village, Atchutapuram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District belonging to **Sri Madala Sai Kumar, S/o Late. Ramalingeswara Rao** vide Doc.No.6770/2012 dated 16.11.2012 registered at office of the Sub-Registrar, Yalamanchili **and bounded by: North:** Land of Nandipalli Thathabbai and Demudu, South: Land of SabbavarapuBabu Rao and Demudu, **East:** Land of Koli Nageswara Rao, Kolli Pydithalli, Koruprolu Appalaswami, **West:** Lake.

Reserve Price: Rs.25,32,60,000/- EMD: Rs.2,53,26,000/- Auction date: 06.03.2024
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EMD Remittance: The intending bidders have to get themselves registered on the INDIAN BANKS AUCTION PROPERTIES INFORMATION (IBAPI) PORTAL (**https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp**) for participation in the e-auction process. The Bidders have to register themselves well before the auction date as registration of bidders takes minimum of three working days. The intending bidder should submit the EMD deposit to IBAPI wallet in IBAPI portal through their Bank account.

For inspection and any clarifications, the intending bidders may contact the **Authorised Officer, Shri A V U Prabhakar, on Cell No.8008572402** or **Bank's Approved Resolution Agent M/s Goodwill Associates, on Cell No.9949901281.**

Note: This is also a notice to the Borrower/ Guarantors of the said loan about holding of e-auction sale of the property on the aforesaid mentioned date if the dues are not repaid in full before the date of e-auction.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, the Secured Creditor's website **(a) "https://www.sbi.co.in" (Path: SBI in the news → Auction Notices → SARFAESI and others) (b) https://ibapi.in**

Date: 24-01-2024, Place: Hyderabad **Sd/- Authorised Officer, SBI, SAMB, Sec'Bad (4106)**

Reducing ammonia emissions through fertilizer management

The Hindu Bureau

Based on machine learning, researchers have come up with detailed estimates of ammonia emissions from rice, wheat and maize crops.

The dataset enabled a cropland-specific assessment of the potential for emission reductions, which indicates that effective management of fertilizer in the growing of these crops could lower atmospheric ammonia emissions from farming by up to 38%.

The paper was published in the journal *Nature*.

Challenging action

Atmospheric ammonia is a key environmental pollutant that affects ecosystems across the planet, as well as human health.

Around 51-60% of anthropogenic ammonia emissions can be traced back to crop cultivation, and about half of these emissions are associated with three main staple crops: rice, wheat and maize.

However, quantifying any potential reductions in ammonia emissions related to specific croplands at high resolution is challenging and depends on details such as nitrogen inputs and local emission factors.

Optimised strategy

Yi Zheng from the Southern University of Science and Technology, Shenzhen, China and others used machine learning to model ammonia output from rice, wheat and maize agriculture worldwide on the basis of variables that include climate, soil characteristics, crop types, irrigation, tillage and fertilization practices.

To inform the model, the researchers developed a dataset of ammonia emissions from over 2,700 observations obtained via systematic review of the published literature.

Using this model, the researchers estimate that global ammonia emission reached 4.3 teragrams (4.3 billion kilograms) in 2018.

The authors calculated that spatially optimising fertilizer management – as guided by the model – could result in a 38% reduction in ammonia emissions from the three crops. The optimised strategy involves placing enhanced-efficiency fertilizers deeper into the soil using conventional tillage practices during the growing season.

The researchers found that under the fertilizer management scenario, rice crops could contribute 47% of the total reduction potential, and maize and wheat could contribute 27% and 26%, respectively.

Without any management strategies, the authors calculated that ammonia emissions could rise by between 4.6% to 15.8% by 2100, depending on the level of future greenhouse gas emissions.

India-made typhoid vaccine efficacy lasts for 4 years: study

The efficacy of the conjugated typhoid vaccine at the end of 4.3 years of median follow-up was 70·6% for children aged nine months to two years; the efficacy was over 79% in children above two years

R. Prasad

A phase-3 trial in children aged between nine months and 12 years carried out in Malawi, Africa, which is a typhoid fever-endemic setting, has shown that efficacy of the Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech's conjugate typhoid toxoid vaccine – Typbar – lasts for at least four years.

The efficacy of the vaccine was seen in children of all age groups studied. Children were vaccinated with a single dose of the vaccine during the period February to September 2018.

In 2019, there were an estimated 9·24 million typhoid cases and 1,10,000 deaths across the world. The majority of the typhoid cases and deaths in 2019 occurred in South-East Asia and Africa.

Typhoid fever

Healthy children aged nine months to 12 years were randomly assigned to receive either Bharat Biotech's conjugate typhoid vaccine (intervention group) or meningococcal.

A conjugate (MenA) vaccine (control arm).

Both researchers involved in the trial and the trial participants were not aware of who received the typhoid vaccine and who received the MenA meningococcal vaccine.

In total, 28,130 children were recruited for the trial, and 14,069 children received the typhoid vaccine while the remaining 14,061 children received the control vaccine (MenA).

This is the first randomised, controlled, double-blind trial that has been undertaken to study the long-term efficacy of a single dose of the typhoid vaccine in a typhoid fever-endemic setting in children aged nine to 12 years.

The efficacy of the vaccine at the end of 4.3 years of median follow-up was 70·6% in children aged nine months to two years.

But in children aged two-four years, the efficacy was higher at 79·6%, whereas the efficacy was 79·3% in children aged five-12 years.

During the follow-up period, 24 children who received the typhoid vaccine were diagnosed with typhoid fever, while 110 children in the control group were diagnosed with typhoid fever.

"Durability of protection in those younger than two years is particularly important, given our findings that the incidence of typhoid fever in the control group is similar across age bands," the authors write.

"Longer follow-up until at least 48 months has identified an increased number of cases prevented by the original single-dose vaccine intervention."

Results of the trial were published recently in the journal *The Lancet*.

Cost-effectiveness

According to the paper, the "absolute risk reduction was 6·1 typhoid infections per 1,000 vaccinated children, corresponding to a number needed to vaccinate 163 to prevent one case of typhoid fever".

The estimated cumulative vaccine efficacy was found to be 83·4% after one year, 80·7% after two years, 80·1% after three years, 77·1% after four years, and 78·3% after 4·61 years (the longest follow-up observed) following vaccination.

In earlier trials with a shorter follow-up, Bharat Biotech's typhoid vaccine had shown high efficacy. For instance, the efficacy of the vaccine in a trial in Malawi was 80.7% at 18-24 months, 79% at 24 months in the Nepal trial, and 85% at 18 months in the trial conducted in Bangladesh.

"Our study provides evidence that [conjugated typhoid vaccine] provides durable overall protection beyond 48 months after vaccination among children vaccinated between nine months and 12 years of age, with little decline in efficacy over time. We estimated that vaccine efficacy reduced over time by only 1·3% per year over four years," the authors write.

"The results from this longer-term trial support the high estimated cost-effectiveness of these vaccines, generated using assumptions that were based on previous trials of shorter duration."

An accompanying Comment piece states that the conjugated typhoid vaccine has "shown to induce robust immune responses in individuals older than six months".

Currently, there are two conjugated typhoid vaccines – the Typbar TCV typhoid vaccine manufactured by Bharat Biotech that received WHO prequalification in 2017, and Biological E's Vi-CRM197 conjugated typhoid vaccine, which received WHO prequalification in 2020.

Typhoid rebound

The authors note that *Salmonella Typhi* bacteria that causes typhoid could rebound in children aged 5-15 years after being vaccinated due to waning protection by a single dose of the vaccine; the typhoid rebound in vaccinated children is based on a mathematical model of the transmission dynamics of the bacteria.

Hence, longer duration vaccine efficacy studies are needed.

"Whether additional benefit could be gained with a second dose of vaccine is unknown," they note.

An immunogenicity study of a booster dose administered nearly five years after the initial dose in a subset of the youngest children who were enrolled in the latest study is currently underway in Malawi.

Protective in children of all age groups under 12 years

The trial was carried out in in Malawi, Africa, a typhoid fever-endemic setting, in children aged nine months to 12 years

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- The efficacy in children aged two-four years was 79·6%, while the efficacy was 79·3% in children aged five-12 years
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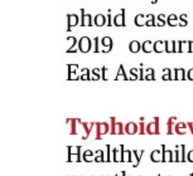
Greenlighted: Conjugated typhoid vaccine manufactured by Bharat Biotech received WHO prequalification in 2017

How many trees do we have?



SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

D. Balasubramanian

A detailed analysis of the earth's trees was made a few years ago. The method for this global effort utilised ground-based sample counts extended to calculations on images from satellites, using sophisticated algorithms (*Nature*, 2015). The study estimated that our planet has about three trillion trees.

The number came as a surprise, as it was much higher than all earlier scholarly estimates. And the satellite images also provided a measure of how these trees are distributed over the earth. The world average works out to a little over 400 trees per human.

South American rainforests contain 15-20% of all the trees on earth. Another large number, mostly conifers, is present in the Boreal forests or Taiga of the Northern latitudes, spread over Canada and Russia. As a result of this profusion of coniferous trees, every Canadian resident has the 'luxury' of nearly 9,000 trees.

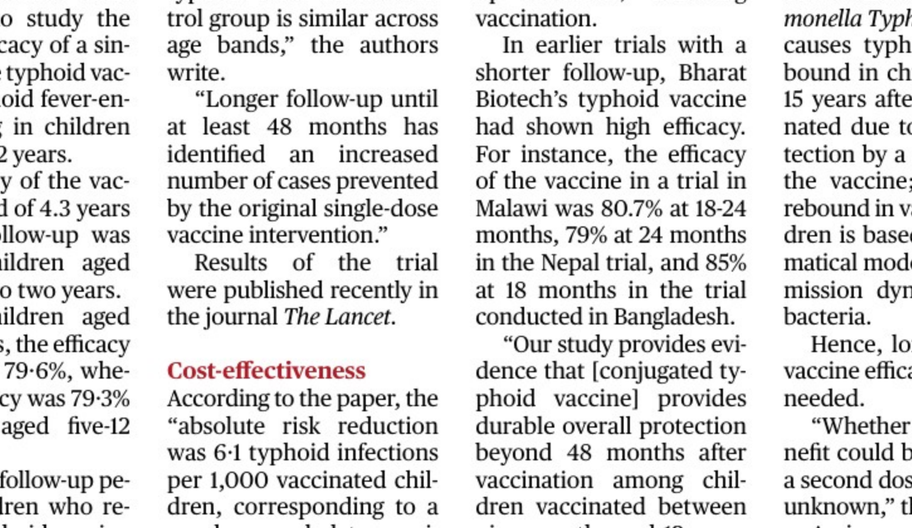
In sharp contrast, 15 lakh people who live in the Middle Eastern Island nation of Bahrain make do with just 3,100 trees. About five trees per sq. km.

Other oxygen sources

It should be noted that vast areas of the earth are grasslands with relatively few trees. In all, grasses produce nearly as much oxygen as the trees of the world. Then we have marine cyanobacteria and algae – photosynthesis in these microscopic creatures produces as much oxygen as all the land plants.

Besides producing oxygen, trees play an important role in removing carbon from the atmosphere.

Trees that lived millions of years ago, after being submerged in swamps and buried, slowly turned to coal, thus locking up carbon for a very long time. Of course, you can quickly undo all that effort by burning the coal in a thermal power plant to produce electricity, along with a lot of globe-warming carbon dioxide.



Big differences: The diversity in India's geography results in differences in forest cover. GETTY IMAGES

India's forest cover

The estimate for our own country is about 28 trees for every person. A high population density, and a long history of deforestation has led to this number. Bangladesh, where the population density is three times that of India, has six trees per citizen. Both Nepal and Sri Lanka have a little over a hundred trees per person.

The diversity in India's geography results in large differences in natural forest cover. Moist tropical forests, with their dense canopies, high rainfall, and rich biodiversity are seen in the Western and Eastern Ghats, the Northeast, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Eighty percent of the land area in Arunachal Pradesh is under forest cover; in Rajasthan it is less than 10%.

There is still a long way to go for India's Forest Policy goal of one-third area under forests. Reforestation efforts contribute towards this goal, but of greater importance is the prevention of deforestation. The southern States are faring better at this. The India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021 states that the three States with the best improvement in forest cover are Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu.

(The article was written in collaboration with Sushil Chandani, who works in molecular modelling)

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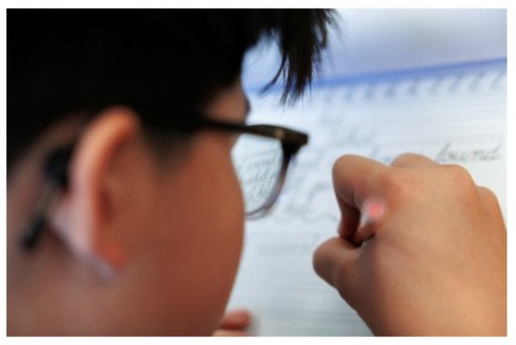

New insights into early language acquisition of a child

A new machine learning model - trained on video and audio recorded from the first-person perspective of one young child for over a year - has provided insights into early language acquisition. Not only do the findings offer a valuable framework to understand how children learn words and concepts, but they could be critical in developing AI systems that can learn language in more human-like ways. The model provides a foundation for investigating how children acquire their first words.

Large herbivores' effects on ecosystems depend on size

The effect of large herbivores on plant abundance and diversity depends more on their size and diet than whether they are native or introduced into their host ecosystems, as per a meta-analysis of over 200 studies. The findings counter the widely held notion that the impacts of introduced megafauna are distinct and more harmful than those of native megafauna and suggest that trait-based ecology provides better insight into megaherbivore-plant interactions than concepts of species origin.

Arterial pressure pulses link heartbeat, brain rhythmicity

Heartbeat-induced pulsations of cerebral blood vessels can directly influence brain activity. This reveals a previously unknown brain-intrinsic mechanism for detecting cardiovascular activity. Interoception (perception of sensations from inside the body) plays an important yet not fully understood role in providing rhythmic sensory feedback on bodily activity that, in turn, modulates neuronal activity. These oscillations are considered to be fundamental.

Question Corner

More evidence

Is there new evidence that Mars once had lakes, rivers?

Ground-penetrating radar on board NASA's Mars Perseverance rover has confirmed that the Jezero Crater, formed by an ancient meteor impact just north of the Martian equator, once harboured a vast lake and river delta. Over eons, sediment deposition and erosion within the crater shaped the geologic formations visible on the surface today. The discovery of lake sediments reinforces the hope that traces of life might be found in soil and rock samples collected by Perseverance. The crater filled with water has layers of sediments deposited on the crater floor. The lake subsequently shrank and sediments carried by the river that fed it formed an enormous delta. As the lake dissipated over time, the sediments in the crater were eroded, forming the geologic features visible on the surface today. Perseverance's soil and rock samples will be brought back to Earth by a future expedition and studied for evidence of past life. Between May and December 2022, Perseverance drove from the crater floor onto the delta.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

Why are nations revising rules for foreign students?

Has the political turmoil between India and Canada last year played a role in the tightening of rules for student visas?

Maitri Porecha

The story so far:

Migrating abroad, especially to English-speaking countries, is set to become harder for Indian students aspiring to pursue a higher education, what with countries such as Canada and the U.K. tightening rules to seek admissions to universities.

What are the new set of changes?

Following the political turmoil between India and Canada in December last year, the Canadian government issued revised requirements that it said are 'to better protect international students.' The foremost of these was to upwardly revise the Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) amount from 10,000 Canadian dollars, which amounts to ₹6.15 lakh, to over double at 20,635 Canadian dollars, close to ₹12.7 lakh. In another instance, the U.K. announced that come 2024, international students will be restricted from bringing in dependant family with them as they pursue their studies. Countries such as Germany and Australia too have gradually increased the GIC amount by approximately 10% annually. As on May 2023, the amount required to apply for a German visa is 11,208 euros which is ₹10 lakh, up from the earlier cap of 10,000 euros.

Higher education experts say that an amount as low as ₹6.15 lakh is not enough for a student to survive in an expensive country like Canada

Higher education experts say that an amount as low as ₹6.15 lakh is not enough for a student to survive in an expensive country like Canada. "Canada had earlier kept a low GIC threshold to attract students, but the government realised that this was not enough to keep up with rising housing costs, inflation. While other countries like Germany and Australia gradually increased the amount by 10% year-on-year, the Canadian jump of 100% came as a shocker because the hike occurred in one go," said Ankur Dhawan, president of ed-tech start-up UpGrad Abroad.

Which students have been hit the most?

In the latest tweak of rules, Canada has said that it is restricting the total number of study permits or student visas it plans to issue to 3.6 lakh (earlier this was nearly four lakh). India alone used to send up to 1.4 lakh students to Canada, approximately 80% percent of whom went to study diploma level courses there.

Earlier, aspirants looking to migrate to Canada would take any diploma as the 'study abroad' option, essentially as a passport to migrate to the country in poorly equipped educational institutions, while a spouse visa work permit would allow their spouses to work while the aspirant studied. People would take on hefty loans to fuel this move. Now Canada has stated that while they will issue a spouse visa, the spouse will not have a work permit. Akshay Chaturvedi, CEO of LeverageEdu, opines, "In some sense it's a great step towards solving Canada's 'diploma mills' problem, it will shut down bad institutions and also de-incentivise agents who engage in shoddy practices."

How are tightened rules affecting students?

While Canada aims to rein in its burgeoning 'diploma mills' problem, it has eased norms for masters program students to come in. Masters students can apply for a three-year work permit after their course is complete. However, the stricter guidelines have put those who want to seek a Bachelors' degree in Canada in the lurch.

Take for instance, 21-year-old Manvir Singh, a resident of Rajnandgaon in Chhattisgarh who during the years from 2022-2023 was enrolled in the University of Yorkville and completed his first two years of bachelors in Business Administration (BBA) remotely. Mr. Singh was supposed to get admitted for his third-year on-campus studies from May 2024. Mr. Singh who has deposited his third-year fees of $15,000 and has submitted a GIC of $20,900 has now been advised by the University to put his visa application on hold. "All visa applications of students wanting to go to study in Canada are on hold till March this year, as universities need to figure out how to send attestation letters to students which will have to be secured from the Canadian government," Mr. Singh said.

What about other foreign countries?

UpGrad Abroad analysed data of 25,000 aspirational students who showed interest in studying abroad. While 18% of this pool was interested in studying in Canada during the data collected between January to July last year, this demand dropped by half to 9.3%, in the data analysed between July and December, last year.

On the contrary, a destination like Germany, which had initially been in demand with nearly 17% students, is now attracting demand from 32% students. Apart from Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, the Netherlands and Finland, Mr. Dhawan added that newer destinations like Taiwan and Israel are also emerging in the list of potential study abroad destinations as they want to attract Indian talent to their countries.

Why is fiscal consolidation so important?

Why was the fiscal deficit estimate announced in the recent Union Budget considered to be ambitious? How does a government fund its expenditure? What is the difference between fiscal deficit and national debt? How much is the Centre expected to borrow from the market?

Prashanth Perumal

The story so far:

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced during her Budget speech that the Centre would reduce its fiscal deficit to 5.1% of gross domestic product (GDP) in 2024-25. She further added that the fiscal deficit would be pared to below 4.5% of GDP by 2025-26. The FM's projections surprised most analysts who expected the government's fiscal deficit target would be slightly higher, at about 5.3% or 5.4% of GDP. The government's revised estimates also lowered the fiscal deficit projection for 2023-24 to 5.8% of GDP.

What is fiscal deficit?

Fiscal deficit refers to the shortfall in a government's revenue when compared to its expenditure. When a government's expenditure exceeds its revenues, the government will have to borrow money or sell assets to fund the deficit. Taxes are the most important source of revenue for any government. In 2024-25, the government's tax receipts are expected to be ₹26.02 lakh crore while its total revenue is estimated to be ₹30.8 lakh crore. The Union government's total expenditure, on the other hand, is estimated to be ₹47.66 lakh crore.

When a government runs a fiscal surplus, on the other hand, its revenues exceed expenditure. It is, however, quite rare for governments to run a surplus. Most governments today focus on keeping the fiscal deficit under control rather than on generating a fiscal surplus or on balancing the budget.

The fiscal deficit should not be confused with the national debt. The national debt is the total amount of money that the government of a country owes its lenders at a particular point in time. The national debt is usually the amount of debt that a government has accumulated over many years of running fiscal deficits and borrowing to bridge the deficits. The fiscal deficit is generally expressed as a percentage of a country's GDP since it is believed that the figure shows how easily the government will be able to pay its lenders. In other words, the higher a government's fiscal deficit as a share of GDP, the less likely its lenders will be paid back without trouble. Countries with larger economies can run higher fiscal deficits (in terms of absolute numbers of money).

A high fiscal deficit can adversely affect the ability of a government to manage its overall public debt

Clear target: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during the third day of the interim Budget session of Parliament, in New Delhi on February 2. ANI

How does government fund its fiscal deficit?

In order to fund its fiscal deficit, the government mainly borrows money from the bond market where lenders compete to lend to the government by purchasing bonds issued by the government. In 2024-25, the Centre is expected to borrow a gross amount of ₹14.13 lakh crore from the market, which is lower than its borrowing goal for 2023-24, as it expects to fund its spending in 2024-25 through higher GST collections. Economists were expecting that the Centre would set a borrowing target of about ₹15.6 lakh crore for 2024-25.

It should be remembered that central banks such as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) are also major players in the credit market, although they may not always directly purchase government bonds. The RBI may still purchase government bonds in the secondary market, from private lenders who have already purchased bonds from the government. So, when a government borrows from the bond market, it not only borrows from private lenders but also indirectly from the central bank. The RBI purchases these bonds through what are called 'open market operations' by creating fresh money, which in turn can lead to higher money supply and also higher prices in the wider economy over time.

Government bonds are generally considered to be risk-free as the government can – under the worst-case scenario – get help from the central bank, which can create fresh currency to pay off the lenders. So governments generally do not find it hard to borrow money from the market. The bigger problem is the rate at which they are able to borrow the money. As a government's finances worsen, demand for the government's bonds begins to drop forcing the government to offer to pay a higher interest rate to lenders, and leading to higher borrowing costs for the government.

Monetary policy also plays a crucial role in how much it costs governments to borrow money from the market. Central bank lending rates which were near zero in many countries before the pandemic have risen sharply in the aftermath of the pandemic. This makes it more expensive for governments to borrow money and could be one reason why the Centre is keen to bring down its fiscal deficit.

Why does the fiscal deficit matter?

The fiscal deficit matters for several reasons. For one, there is a strong direct relationship between the government's fiscal deficit and inflation in the country. When a country's government runs a persistently high fiscal deficit, this can eventually lead to higher inflation as the government will be forced to use fresh money issued by the central bank to fund its fiscal deficit. The fiscal deficit recently reached a high of 9.17% of GDP during the pandemic and has since improved significantly and is projected to drop to 5.8% now.

The fiscal deficit also signals to the market the degree of fiscal discipline maintained by the government. A lower fiscal deficit may thus help improve the ratings assigned to the Indian government's bonds. When the government is able to fund more of its spending through tax revenues and borrow less, this gives more confidence to lenders and drives down the government's borrowing cost.

A high fiscal deficit can also adversely affect the ability of the government to manage its overall public debt. In December, the International Monetary Fund warned that India's public debt could rise to more than 100% of GDP in the medium term due to risks although the Centre disagreed with the assessment. It is also worth noting that the Centre has been keen on tapping the international bond market. A lower fiscal deficit may help the government to more easily sell its bonds overseas and access cheaper credit.

What lies ahead?

The Centre plans to bring down its fiscal deficit in 2024-25 to 5.1% of GDP despite having plans to boost capital expenditure and to spend on other programmes. So, most of the revenue to fund such spending will have to come from tax collections. The Centre expects tax collections to rise by 11.5% in 2024-25. It has also projected a cut in expenditure on fertilizer subsidy, from ₹1.88 lakh crore in 2023-24 to ₹1.64 lakh crore in 2024-25. The amount spent on food subsidy is also projected to drop from ₹2.12 lakh crore in 2023-24, to ₹2.05 lakh crore in 2024-25. Trying to balance the budget primarily through raising tax rates to increase tax collections, however, could come at the cost of economic growth since taxes can act as a dampener on economic activity. There is no guarantee, however, that the government will be able to meet its fiscal deficit target, which is seen as ambitious by many, as its projections may turn out to be wrong.

The dispute over Varanasi, Mathura mosques

Why is the spotlight back on the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991? Why do courts feel the legal bar on changing status of places of worship does not apply to these suits? Are there exceptions? What are the arguments on either side?

K. Venkataramanan

The story so far:

The Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991, is once again in focus, albeit in a context in which its objectives are being ignored. Civil suits questioning the religious character of mosques at Varanasi and Mathura are progressing apace. These developments show that legislation freezing the status of places of worship is inadequate to stop Hindu claimants from making determined legal efforts to achieve their goal of replacing them with temples.

Why was the Places of Worship Act enacted?

When the Babri-Masjid Ram Janmabhoomi dispute gained momentum, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and other Hindu organisations took up the case of two other mosques – the Gyanvapi mosque in Varanasi and the Shahi Idgah in Mathura. In September 1991, the P.V. Narasimha Rao government enacted a special law to freeze the status of places of worship as they were on August 15, 1947. The law kept the disputed structure at Ayodhya out of its purview as it was then an ongoing litigation.

What are the Act's main features?

The Act declares that the religious character of a place of worship shall continue to be the same as it was on August 15, 1947. It says that no person shall convert any place of worship of any religious denomination into one of a different denomination or section. It declares that all suits, appeals or any other proceedings regarding converting the character of a place of worship, which are pending before any court or authority on August 15, 1947, will abate as soon as the law comes into force. No further legal proceedings can be instituted.

In both disputes, the mosque committees say the Places of Worship Act prohibits such litigation

There are a couple of exceptions to the rule. The 1991 Act will not apply to ancient and historical monuments and archaeological sites and remains that are covered by the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958. It will also not apply to any suit that has been finally settled or disposed of, any dispute that has been settled by the parties before the 1991 Act came into force, or to the conversion of any place that took place by acquiescence.

In conflict: The Sri Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple and the Shahi Idgah Masjid at Mathura in Uttar Pradesh. R.V. MOORTHY

What is the status of the ongoing cases on the Gyanvapi mosque?

A suit was filed in 2022 in the Varanasi district court by a group of Hindu women worshippers seeking to assert their right to worship deities they claim are still found on the premises of the Gyanvapi mosque. The plaintiffs say they have a right to worship Ma Sringar Gauri, Ganesh, Hanuman and other "visible and invisible" deities. Also pending is another batch of suits filed in 1991 seeking a declaration that a part of the site of the Gyanvapi mosque belongs to Lord Vishweshwar.

The main basis for the suits is that the Hindu side says that an old temple of Lord Vishweshwar lies at the centre of the Gyanvapi compound. The site, they contend, is the abode of the 'self-manifested' deity since time immemorial. They claim that the temple was demolished on the order of Emperor Aurangzeb in 1669.

So far, court orders have favoured the position that these suits are not barred by the Places of Worship Act. On the district court's order, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has conducted a survey of the premises.

The ASI's report, submitted to the Varanasi district court, claims that a temple existed there prior to the construction of the mosque. Subsequently, the court has allowed the conduct of Hindu prayers at a cellar on the premises. The order allowing Hindu prayers has been questioned by the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, which administers the Gyanvapi mosque.

The suits in Mathura pertain to the Shahi Idgah mosque that stands adjacent to the Krishna Janmabhoomi Temple there. These suits claim that the mosque was built over the birthplace of Lord Krishna. The mosque committee, however, denies the allegation. The dispute was settled through a compromise between the Sri Krishna Janmasthan Seva Sansthan and the Shahi Idgah Trust in 1968, and implemented through a decree in 1974. As part of the settlement, the Sansthan had given up a portion of the land to the Idgah. The current suits challenge this compromise as 'fraudulent' and seek the transfer of the entire parcel of land to the deity. The Allahabad High Court has transferred to itself all suits pertaining to the Mathura dispute.

Why hasn't the Act barred suits on Gyanvapi and Shahi Idgah?

In both disputes, the respective mosque committees sought rejection of the suits on the ground that the Places of Worship Act prohibits such litigation. However, court orders so far say the Act does not bar these suits and that they must go on.

In the Gyanvapi worshippers' case, the ruling is that the suits aimed to assert the right of worship of the Hindu deities and did not seek to convert the status of the mosque. Regarding the earlier batch of suits, the Allahabad High Court has taken the view that the Act does not define the term 'religious character'. A structure cannot have the dual character of being both Hindu and Muslim, and that only an examination of evidence can determine its religious character. The Act cannot be an absolute bar on proceedings to ascertain its religious character, it held.

Regarding the Mathura dispute, the district court has taken the view that the suits are not barred by the Places of Worship Act, as what is under challenge is the compromise decree based on the 1968 agreement. As the decree was drawn up before the commencement of the 1991 Act, it is not applicable to the case, it has held.

Commander of the 'Axis'

Esmail Qaani

Four years after he took over the command of the Quds Force after the assassination of Qassem Soleimani, General Qaani is at the centre of a spiralling regional crisis with Iran-backed militias in West Asia stepping up attacks on American and Israeli troops as well as commercial vessels in the Red Sea

Stanly Johny

When Esmail Qaani was chosen to lead the Quds Force, an elite wing of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), in January 2020, immediately after Qassem Soleimani was assassinated by the U.S. outside the Baghdad airport, many doubted whether the veteran would be able to fill the very large shoes of the 'Shadow Commander'.

Over the years, Soleimani, who was the chief of the Quds Force from 1998 until his death, had built a mythical status in the Islamic Republic as the protector of the revolution and the force multiplier of Iranian influence in West Asia. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, the Supreme Leader, called him "a living martyr" while he was leading the Quds Force. Both his detractors and admirers described him as "the lynchpin" for his role in building a network of militias that were loyal to Tehran, which came to be called the 'Axis of Resistance'. He was the viceroy of Iran's proxies. And his death left a huge vacuum, not only in Tehran's command structure but also in its forward defence doctrine, this was the space Brig. Gen. Qaani had to fill.

Four years later, Gen. Qaani is at the centre of a spiralling regional security crisis in West Asia. As the external arm of the IRGC, the Quds Force is responsible for coordinating with the different Iran-backed militia groups, from Hezbollah (Lebanon) to Hamas (Palestine) and Houthis (Yemen) to Kataib Hezbollah (Iraq). The axis became hyperactive ever since the Israel-Hamas war broke out on October 7, 2023.

Hezbollah is engaging Israeli troops in a limited way from Southern Lebanon; Houthis have turned the Red Sea into a battlefield and the Iraq-based Popular Mobilisation Forces, including Kataib Hezbollah, have carried out at least 165 attacks on U.S. troops and assets in Iraq, Syria and Jordan since October 7.

On January 28, three U.S. service personnel were killed in a drone attack on an American logistics hub in Jordan, most likely by Kataib Hezbollah, escalating the tensions. The attack has triggered calls in Washington for a direct attack on Iran. Will it restrain Gen. Qaani's network?

Children of war

Born in 1957 in the holy city of Mashhad, which hosts the shrine of Imam Reza, the eighth Imam of Shia Islam, Esmail Qaani grew up in the Shah's Persia. Like millions of others in his generation, he was also swept by the revolutionary fervour of the late 1970s, which shook Iran and toppled its thousands of years old monarchy. In the early 1980s, when the newly born theocratic republic was fighting a war of existence with Saddam Hussein's Iraq, Mr. Qaani joined the IRGC, which was founded in the immediate aftermath of the 1979 revolution to protect the Islamic Republic.

According to one account, IRGC commander Mohsen Rezai was looking for guardsmen to form a division in Iran's Khorasan province. Morteza Qorbani, one of his deputies, gave him three names – Nour-Ali Shoushtari, Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf and Esmail Qaani (all three would go on to become influential figures in the Islamic Republic). By the time the war came to an end in 1988, Rezai appointed Mr. Qaani as the head of the Fifth Nasr Division, which fought several heroic battles during the 'Sacred Defence', as the war with Iraq is known among the state circles. He was, in the words of Mr. Khamenei, "one of the most prominent military commanders during the Sacred Defence".

Gen. Qaani later recalled that his close relationships with both Soleimani and Ayatollah Khamenei went back to the days of the Iraq war. "We are the children of war," he said about himself and Soleimani. Mr. Khamenei, also from Mashhad, used to lead mourning ceremonies for Imam Reza with "the boys from Mashhad," who served in the Fifth Nasr Division, Gen. Qaani once wrote in a state booklet.

His battlefield experiences, close ties with the Supreme Leader as well as unflinching commitment and loyalty to the revolutionary regime helped his quiet ascent in the IRGC. In

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late 1990s, after Soleimani was appointed as the commander of the Quds Force, Gen. Qaani was named his deputy. While Solaimani's focus was on building the Shia networks across West Asia, Gen. Qaani was responsible for the Guards' activities in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asian republics. Some reports say he was instrumental in Iran's fight against drug trafficking from the Taliban-ruled Afghanistan (1996 to 2001) as well as Iran's support for the Northern Alliance, the ethnic militia coalition that was fighting the Taliban from northern Afghanistan in the late 1990s with support from Iran, India, Russia and Central Asian countries.

Unlike Soleimani, who was seen as a charismatic and popular leader at home, Gen. Qaani kept a low-profile, staying focussed on the operational aspects of the Quds Force. He spoke rarely to the media, and whenever he did, he unapologetically displayed his loyalty to the revolution. "The Islamic Republic is the safe haven of all [world revolutionary] movements," he said on one occasion, defending the country's support for different militias in the region. In 2012, when Syria was falling into chaos, Gen. Qaani told a state media outlet that the presence of the IRGC in Syria "prevented many massacres", admitting, for the first time, that Iranian troops were present in Syria, fighting alongside the forces of President Bashar al-Assad in the country's civil war.

When his profile rose within the IRGC, it also attracted international scrutiny. In March 2012, Gen. Qaani was added to the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List by the U.S. Department of Treasury. The designation stated that Gen. Ghani's "authority covers IRGC-QF [Quds Force], financial disbursements to IRGC-QF elements, including elements in Africa, as well as to various terrorist groups, including Hezbollah."

Shadow war

Gen. Qaani took over the Quds Force at a time when the shadow war between Israel and Iran was intensifying. The U.S. hoped that taking out Soleimani would weaken Iran's overseas operations. But from 2020, the Quds Force, under the command of Gen. Qaani, doubled down on its support for the militias. During the same period, Israel had stepped up targeted attacks against Iranian assets and figures both inside and outside Iran. The country was grappling with a series of protests. Arab countries were moving closer towards Israel. The Mullahs were under pressure.

In early 2023, Gen. Qaani held a series of clandestine meetings, reports about which emerged later, with the leaders of the pro-Iran militia groups. Their agenda: to launch a fresh wave of attacks on Israeli targets.

After the October 7 Hamas attack on Israel, Gen. Qaani publicly declared the Quds Force's support for Hamas. "Your brothers in the Axis of Resistance stand united with you ... the resistance will not allow the enemy to achieve its dirty goals in Gaza and Palestine," Gen. Qaani said in a message to Hamas. He was not bluffing. In the past four months, the Axis has carried out multiple attacks, from the Red Sea to the U.S. hub in Jordan, turning the Gaza war into a regional security crisis.

With pro-Iran militias' Jordan attack and America's counter strikes in Syria and Iraq, the crisis has entered into a circle of retaliatory violence, with potential for an all-out war. Gen. Esmail Qaani, calm, resolute and ruthless, sits at the centre of this vortex.

THE GIST

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Chosen successor

Champai Soren

JMM picks a veteran with administrative and political experience to lead the Jharkhand government in an election year

Amarnath Tewary

Following Hemant Soren's resignation as Chief Minister and arrest in an alleged land scam case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, Champai Soren was elected leader of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) Legislature Party, and with the support of 47 alliance MLAs, he took oath as the new Chief Minister on February 2.

Jharkhand was carved out from Bihar as a separate State in November 2000 and out of the total 81 seats in the Assembly, nearly 40 are tribal dominated, where Mr. Champai could be a decisive factor in the Assembly election due in November.

The ruling alliance leaders said Mr. Champai could be a tough challenger for the BJP's tribal faces such as Babulal Marandi and Arjun Munda.

He is seen as a compromise consensual candidate within the party as Mr. Hemant's push to name his wife, Kalpana Soren, as Chief Minister had triggered differences within his family, with his sister-in-law Sita Soren coming out against the move.

Mr. Champai, 67, the six-term MLA for Seraikela, was the Minister of Transport, Scheduled Caste and Backward Class Welfare in the Hemant Soren Cabinet.

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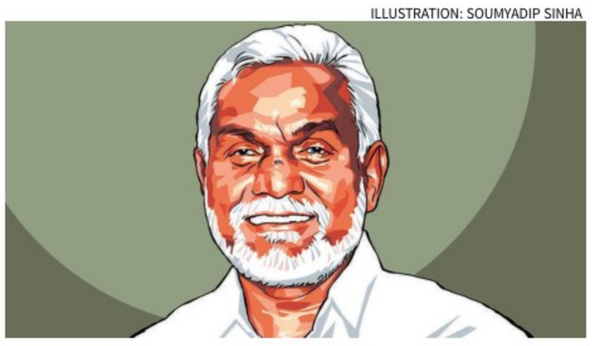

He is the vice-president of the party.

In the 2019 Assembly election, Mr. Champai defeated the BJP's Ganesh Mahli in his traditional constituency. In the 1980s and 90s, Mr. Champai, along with JMM founder Shibu Soren, father of Mr. Hemant, had played an active part in the movement for a separate statehood for Jharkhand. Shibu Soren is popularly known as 'Guruji' in the State.

Mr. Champai is still close to Mr. Shibu Soren and his family members. Before leaving to take oath as Chief Minister on February 2, Mr. Champai went to meet Mr. Shibu Soren at his residence in Ranchi. "He is my guru and I came to take his blessings before taking oath," he said. Mr. Hemant and his wife Ms. Kalpana are often seen touching Mr. Champai's feet in public to show their respect.

Mr. Champai is known as the "Tiger of Kolhan" for his "warrior-like skills" during the statehood agitation in 1980s and 1990s. The Kolhan area is one of five divisions in Jharkhand, comprising East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum and Seraikela-Kharsawan districts. Since 2005, Mr. Champai has been an MLA from Seraikela.

His first Assembly election victory was in 1991 as an Independent candidate in Seraikela in undivided Bihar.

Son of a farmer

Born in 1956, he comes from Jilinggora village of Seraikela-Kharsawan, and is the eldest of four siblings. He is married to Manko Soren and is father of seven children. His father, Simal Soren, was a marginal farmer and mother, Madho Soren, a homemaker. In his early days, he helped his father in farming and was a keen football player.

Later, he started championing the cause of unorganised contractual labourers of Tata Steel in Jamshedpur and fighting for tribal rights. He was popular among unorganised contractual labourers in Jamshedpur.

"He was given due respect even by Tata Steel management... he was not a meek, mute, or laid-back leader, always on toes for his folks," recalled former Tata Steel employee Ratnakar Krishnan. Mr. Champai had also contested the Lok Sabha election unsuccessfully in Jamshedpur in 2019.

Mr. Champai has never been to college. But tribal leaders of Jharkhand affirmed that "he is more intelligent and agile than many of the educated young legislators". He could sense the political moves of Opposition parties quickly, they say.

Mr. Champai was chosen to replace Mr. Hemant because of his "straight politics, fighting tendencies and good relations with political party leaders", State Congress president Rajesh Thakur said.

He is said to have played a key role in the formation of the Arjun Munda-led BJP government in 2010 following differences with Mr. Hemant on "some issues". But later when Mr. Hemant formed a government in 2013, Mr. Champai was appointed Food Supplies and Transport Minister in the Cabinet.

And now, he is the head of the government.

Quest for credibility

UNRWA

The Israeli government alleges that a few of the UN Relief and Works Agency's staff were complicit in the October 7 Hamas attack in Israel

Adithya Narayan

Hours after the International Court of Justice in The Hague ruled on January 26 that Israel must do everything in its capacity to prevent "genocidal acts" from happening in Gaza, news broke of the complicity of a few UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) staff members in the cross-border attacks by the Palestinian militant group Hamas on Israel on October 7.

The Benjamin Netanyahu-led government collated its charges into a dossier and presented it to the U.S. government on the same day as the ICJ ruling. The file stated that of the 12,000-strong UNRWA staff working in the Gaza Strip, 12 had direct involvement in the attacks that saw more than 1,100 Israelis killed and close to 250 taken hostage.

Shocked by these allegations, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres promised criminal action against those involved, and the agency's chief, Philippe Lazzarini, said nine were terminated from service, while two were dead. The UN's Office of Internal Oversight Matters – the organisation's highest investigating authority – also opened an investigation into the matter.

As a fallout of these allegations, 13 countries, including the UNRWA's largest donor, the U.S., have paused funding for the agency. In countermeasures, countries such as Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and Qatar have asked donors to reconsider their decision.

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Right of return

The UNRWA is the only UN agency dedicated to helping refugees stemming from the Israel-Palestine conflict. It was established in 1949 to cater to refugees from the Arab-Israeli War of 1948, and began operations on May 1, 1950. That the agency exists to serve these refugees who still nurture hopes of the "right of return" irks Israel, as vast portions of their homeland lie in the country.

Israel has long accused the aid group of stoking anti-Semitism through its textbooks, possessing weapons in its compounds and allowing Hamas tunnels under its relief shelters. Attempts to discredit the agency bore partial fruit in 2018 when then-U.S. President Donald Trump cancelled funding to coerce the Palestinians to the negotiations table. Upon coming to power in 2020, President Joe Biden reversed the decision, saying the move was consistent with U.S. values and crucial to a two-state solution.

In its early days, the UNRWA catered to 0.75 million refugees. That figure grew over the years and now stands at more than 5.9 million Palestinians, spread across Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Gaza and the West Bank.

They include the 2.3 million residing in the Gaza Strip, who have been displaced from their homes and are now living in tents because of the Israeli ground offensive. The strikes have claimed the lives of 27,000 Palestinians – mostly women and children – and injured more than 65,000. The UNRWA itself has lost close to 150 workers, the highest death toll suffered by any UN agency in a single conflict.

For those remaining in the besieged Strip, the UNRWA is their primary conduit of aid. Without funding, the agency says it will have to cease operations by the end of February. The subsequent impact will be limited not just to Gaza but will spread across the region.

Also, a halt to funding will be in direct contravention to the ICJ ruling, which asked for direct humanitarian assistance to reach Gaza, Francesca Albanese, the Special Rapporteur for Palestinian territories, wrote on X.

Though the UNRWA began functioning with the objectives of direct relief and work programmes, it has grown in scope and now admittedly involves itself in education, healthcare, relief and even microfinance in Gaza. These are large shoes to fill.

The sentiment was best echoed when U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who despite calling the Israeli intelligence 'highly credible', termed the UNRWA's role 'indispensable'. U.S. Ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield also shared a similar view when she condemned the Israeli allegations but simultaneously called the aid group "the only organisation on the ground that has the capacity to provide the (required) assistance".

INBRIEF

Reliance Power Q3 net loss widens to ₹1,136.75 crore

Reliance Power Ltd. reported widening of its consolidated net loss to ₹1,136.75 crore during the quarter ended December, due to increased expenses. It posted a net loss of ₹291.54 crore during the October-December period of preceding 2022-23 financial year, the company said in an exchange filing. The company's total income increased marginally to ₹2,001.54 crore in the reporting quarter compared with the ₹1,936.29 crore in the year-earlier quarter. PTI

India plans $1.7-bn mop up via online gambling tax in FY25

The Union government expects to collect up to ₹140 billion ($1.7 billion) in Goods and Services Tax (GST) next financial year by taxing online gambling companies, Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra told Reuters on Saturday. The government in October imposed a 28% tax on funds that online gaming companies collect from their customers for every bet, shocking a nascent $1.5 billion industry that is backed by global investors. REUTERS

Union govt. increases windfall tax on crude petroleum

The government has raised windfall tax on domestically-produced crude oil to ₹3,200 per tonne from ₹1,700 per tonne. The tax is levied in the form of Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED). According to an official notification, SAED on export of diesel, petrol, and jet fuel or ATF, has been retained at nil. The new rates are effective from February 3. India first imposed windfall tax on July 1, 2022, joining nations taxing supernormal profits of energy firms. PTI

SBI Q3 net falls 35% on wages, pensions

Chairman Khara says provisioning of ₹7,100 crore toward wage increases and pension liabilities has not affected bank's asset quality during the quarter; Net Interest Income of India's largest bank increased by 4.59% Year-on-Year to ₹39,816 crore, but Net Interest Margin decreased by 35 bps

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

State Bank of India reported third-quarter net profit plunged 35.5% to ₹9,164 crore as compared with ₹14,205 crore in the year-earlier period due to a one-time provisioning of ₹7,100 crore toward wage increases and pension liabilities, Chairman Dinesh Khara said at a press conference.

Out of the ₹7,100 crore, the bank provided ₹5,400 crore to correct the anomaly in pension, which had persisted since 2002, and another ₹1,700 crore was provided for dearness relief neutralisation for pre-2002 retirees.

While, this drop in profit is the first in 12 quarters, Mr. Khara said SBI's asset quality remained healthy.

Net Interest Income

During the quarter ended December 31, 2023, the Net Interest Income (NII) of India's largest bank increased by 4.59% Year-on-Year (YoY) to ₹39,816 crore.

However, the bank's Net Interest Margin (NIM) decreased by 35 basis points (bps) YoY to 3.34%.

The bank reported healthy credit growth of 14.4% YoY to ₹35,84,252 crore with domestic advances growing by 14.5%.

One-time charge: ₹5,400 crore provided to correct anomaly in pension and ₹1,700 crore for dearness relief neutralisation. REUTERS

Corporate advances and Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) advances crossed ₹10 lakh crore and ₹4 lakh crore, respectively, Mr. Khara said.

Domestic advances growth was driven by SME advances, up 19.2% YoY, followed by agriculture advances, which grew by 18.1% YoY, he added. While retail personal advances and corporate loans registered YoY growth of 15.3% and 10.7% respectively.

Deposits grow

Deposits grew at 13% YoY, out of which current and savings account deposits grew by 4.48% YoY.

Loan loss provisions during the quarter increased 10.7% to ₹1,757 crore from ₹1,586 crore a year earlier.

Slippage ratio for the quarter increased by 17 bps YoY and stood at 0.58%.

NPAs reduce

Gross Non Performing Assets (NPA) decreased by 11.8% to ₹86,749 crore as compared with ₹98,347 crore a year earlier.

Net NPA reduced by 4.58% to ₹22,408 crore from ₹23,484 crore in the year-earlier period.

Credit cost of the bank for Q3 FY24 remained flat YoY at 0.21%.

Capital Adequacy Ratio as at the end of Q3 FY24 stood at 13.05%.

'Expect GST Appellate Tribunals by July-Aug.'

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The much-awaited Goods and Services Tax (GST) Appellate Tribunals, intended to resolve taxpayer disputes under the six-and-a-half years old indirect tax regime, may begin operations around July or August, Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra said in an interview on Saturday.

"The process has been initiated. Very soon, you are going to see an advertisement in the media for the process of selection of the members and the president. And we hope that, quickly, in a period of six months or so from now, we are able to put some of the

Sanjay Malhotra

tribunals in place," Mr. Malhotra told *The Hindu*.

"There are 31 benches spread over about 50 locations, most of which should become operational by July-August... so we should be in a position to do this soon after the new government takes charge," the Secretary noted.

Introduced on July 1, 2017, the GST framework included provisions to constitute Appellate Tribunals as the second appellate authority for hearing appeals against the orders passed by the Appellate Authority under the Central and State GST laws. However, in their absence, taxpayers have been compelled to seek relief from the High Courts, with the number of appeals under central GST laws having risen to about 15,000 by October 31 - 25% higher than the pending cases as on March 31 last year.

The Central GST law was amended in July to enable the creation of appellate tribunals, and the Finance Ministry notified the setting up of 31 tribunals across 28 States and eight Union Territories in mid-September. At the time, officials expected the first set of tribunals would become operational by December 2023 or January 2024.

Age criteria issue

However, it was subsequently found that some provisions relating to eligibility and age criteria for the tribunals' members and presiding officers were not aligned with the Tribunal Reforms Act of 2021. In October, the GST Council chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman cleared amendments to align those provisions, which were steered through Parliament's winter session in December.

"Non-constitution of the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunals is denying the taxpayers of second appellate remedy and consequently the taxpayers are seeking relief directly from the High Court, thereby burdening" the courts, Ms. Sitharaman had said in the Lok Sabha.

Taxpayers could withdraw their GST-related cases filed in High Courts and the Supreme Court and lodge them with the upcoming GST appellate tribunals to speed up their outcomes, the Minister had advised at the time.

Bourses cut Paytm daily limits to 10% after rout

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Stock exchanges have cut the daily limits for Paytm to 10%, from 20%, after a $2 billion rout in the stock following a regulatory crackdown on the company's banking unit.

The new 10% limit will be applicable from Monday, the BSE and the National Stock Exchange said on their websites.

Paytm's market value crashed to $3.7 billion as the stock slid 20% – its daily limit at the time – on both Thursday and Friday.

'NMDC readying the ground for a quantum jump by 2029'

We have shortlisted 6-7 minerals: lithium, gold, copper, aluminium, coking coal and iron ore; we are also debating our international policy on where to and how to go

INTERVIEW

Amitava Mukherjee

N. Ravi Kumar

As India's largest iron ore producer, NMDC's growth trajectory mirrors the infrastructure sector's progress. The state-owned miner is readying strategies for its next phase of growth, one focussed on consolidation, and awaiting additional approvals for ramping up and looking beyond iron ore and mines in India, Director-Finance Amitava Mukherjee, who is holding additional charge as CMD, said in an interview. Edited excerpts:

As NMDC accelerates growth amid rising demand for iron ore, how does the road ahead look?

We are proud of our legacy as that is the springboard for the future. But NMDC historically has been under-performing given its growth prospects. Thus, whatever we did in 66 years has to be done in the next six years, by 2030. From a miner's perspective you have a huge canvas to paint We have shortlisted 6-7 minerals. They are lithium, gold, copper, aluminium, coking coal and iron ore. Also, debating our international policy on where to and how to go. We also realise that lot of investments need to be made to scale up from 50-100 MT. We have created a new vertical to plan and execute projects.

Last year, iron ore production was about 40 MT, this year it will be 40-46 MT and next year 52 MT. Thereafter, we will stagnate for three-four years because our environment clearance is 53 MT. When the new projects fructify around 2029, the company will see a quantum jump with our production going up from 53 MT to 79-80 MT at our existing mines and 20 MT from non-generic growth. Some of the new plants we are investing in will come online in 3-4 years and since we are cash rich, pursuing a big bang theory on investments. Some of the projects are in tendering and execution stage, but most are in drawing stage.

I see opportunity in all the challenges, lets take greening of the economy, it is a challenge for any miner and that's why we have changed our tagline to 'Responsible Mining'... responsible towards everybody. We have not done a lot of things in the last 66 years, for example not mined coal, not mined outside the country... so there are new things to do.

What investment do you foresee for the forays?

We do not have any investments done mineral-wise. In India, where it is an auction regime, we do not hope to get too many reservations. If we can get our permissions right, we should get 80 MT from our existing mines. Another 20 MT has to come from abroad or different minerals. For coal we already have two mines and is likely to be 10-11 MT. In Australia we just started a gold mine. We are looking substantially at foreign assets. The draft proposal is that we want 5-10% of our revenues coming from abroad by 2030. Our portfolio will be a combination of exploratory mines, some in pre-production stage and some producing mines for which we will consider different agreements such as off-take agreement, equity participation and buyout depending on the opportunities. We are looking at opportunities all over the world, be it Western Africa or Australia. We have not looked at South America but that is something we will be looking into. Whatever we do, we need to be aggressive.

Could you elaborate on lithium mining plans?

We are pursuing 3-4 strategies. In Australia, we are partnering with Hancock. That partnership initially was for magnetite and modified subsequently to include lithium exploration, which is likely to start any time now. With the strike zone right between our tenement we hope there will be lithium. The initial exploration process will take about 18-24 months, that is PFS (pre-feasibility study). And then, if you are successful, the BFS will take 36 more months and then the mining construction.

We are very hopeful because there are working lithium mines nearby.

Besides that we are negotiating with several companies which are in different stages, some PFS, some pre-mining stages. We are exploring options such as equity participation, off-take rights.

While not much space is available in lithium, as whatever comes to the table is taken immediately, we have a few advantages. NMDC being government owned we are treated with lot of respect, second we have been in Australia for 10 years and the way we have supported [iron ore unit] Legacy, people know our background and are keen to work with us. Being a government company we are a natural ally for people looking beyond China in the lithium space.

The problem would be lithium refining which is now 99% in China, so you will have to develop lithium refining in India.

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Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
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No.: EE/PDvn/BDR/TA/KKRDB/2023-24/381 Date: 30-01-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka transparency act 1999 and rules 2000 Tenders called for the works under Indent No. **KRRDA/2023-24/RD/WORK_INDENTS 13, 14 & 15** of **Humnabad Constituency** in Public Procurement Portal, from the eligible contractors. Tenders may be submitted through Public Procurement Portal viz www.kpp.karnataka.gov.in. Amount put to tender is Minimum Rs. 29.57 & Maximum Rs. 168.37 Lakhs.

1.	Last for submission of Tender	15-02-2024 at 5.00 pm
2.	Opening of Technical Bid	17-02-2024 at 11.00 pm

For more details please log on website www.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Project Division, Bidar

Karnataka State
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Shimoga Division, Shimoga
No.EE/PWD/Smg/JE-2/IFT-26/2023-24 Dtd:03-02-2024
Short term Tender Notification

Tender invited thro' E-Procurement version-2 kppp.karnataka. gov.in for the below Indents by PWD Class-3 above Contractors For needful information please contact Office Phone.No. 08182-274942 and Help desk Phone Nos. 080-25501216/ 080-25501227)

All Contractors: 5054 MDR Improvements

1. Sagara taluk 1 Works. 3054 MDR Maintenance: **2.** Sagara taluk 2 Works. Tender documents down loading & submission dates: Works Date: 03-02-2024 to 12-02-2024. Period for completion of works :03 Months (Including Mansoon)

Sd/- EE, PW Dept Division, Shimoga
DIPR/smg/No.31/02/ksmca/23-24/1189

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, **Suresh G T** while traveling from Trinity Acres/Woods, Sarjapura Road, Bengaluru to Banaswadi Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru had lost Title Deeds i.e.,1) Original Registered Sale Deed dated 05.07.1990, 2) Original Registered Sale Deed dated 27.06.1991 and 3) Original Registered Sale Deed dated 22-02-1993 with regard to his property bearing site no.50, Munireddy Layout, Chikkabanaswadi Village, Bengaluru. The above said deeds have lost by my client at Trinity Acres/Woods Apartment, Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru on 02.02.2024. Further he had reported the same to the Karnataka State Police (Bengaluru City) and lodged Compl aint on 03.02.2024 vide Lost Article Report No.0915827/2024. Any Finder/or any person have found the above said Deeds or having any claims, may kindly return the above mentioned Original Sale Deeds or file objections to the undersigned **within 15 days** from the date of this notice failing which my client shall presume that the same is lost and shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims/interest whatsoever from any person/s.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tender for the following work is invited (two tender document system) through e-Procurement portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) from the eligible Agency / contractors who satisfy the Technical & Financial eligibility criteria. **This office Tender Notification No: 2108 Dated: 03-02-2024.** Providing Underground Drainage System in Left out Areas in Chikodi Town under savings amount of Chikkodi UGD Scheme **(Lumpsum). INDENT NO.KUWSDB/2023-24/WS/ WORK_INDENT143.** For further information visit e-procurement portal or the Office of the Chief Engineer, K.U.W.S & D. Board, Dharwad may be contacted.

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Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER,
KUWS & D BOARD, DHARWAD.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that our client is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owners viz., SHUBHA V REDDY, K.H VIJAYADEVA REDDY, SURESH V REDDY, Residing at 80 B, Kurubarahalli, Hirebidanur Post, Gauribidanur 561208, Chikkaballapur District, Karnataka

If anyone is having any objections, claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof sustaining his/her/their objections/claims/details of dispute's within 15 days from date of this publication, to the address mentioned below, failing which, our client will proceed with the sale transaction with the above mentioned owners as if there are no third party claims/ objections/ dispute in respect of schedule property and there after no claim or objections will be entertained.

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RAISING THE BAR

Bumrah becomes fastest Indian pacer to pick 150+ wickets in Tests

K.R. DEEPAK

Jasprit Bumrah, during the second Test match between India and England, became the fastest pacer to pick 150+ wickets in Test when he dismissed Ben Stokes on day two. Bumrah reached the feat after delivering 6781 balls. Umesh Yadav is second with 7661 balls. Mohammed Shami and Kapil Dev hold the next two spots.

UP FOR THE CHALLENGE

We believe we can chase anything, says Crawley

K.R. DEEPAK

England may have to chase a big total in the fourth innings against India in the second Test, but Zak Crawley expressed confidence. "We believe we can chase anything and we've shown that before," the opener said, referring to some big successful chases England has had since adopting its aggressive style of cricket called Bazball.

CLINICAL

Sai Sudharsan's hundred gives India-A huge lead

FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

Sai Sudharsan scored a ton against England Lions, as India-A made 409 in its second innings for a lead of 402 runs on the third day of their third unofficial 'Test' in Ahmedabad on Saturday.
The scores: India-A 192 & 409 in 107.1 overs (Sudharsan 117, Saransh 63) vs. **England Lions** 199 and 83/2 in 24 overs.

LIFELINE

U.P. Yoddhas secure an impressive and important victory

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Superb defending by Sumit, complemented by raiders Gagana Gowda and Mahipal, helped U.P. Yoddhas secure an important 38-23 victory over U Mumba in the Pro Kabaddi League in Delhi on Saturday. In the other match of the day, Dabang Delhi got the better of Telugu Titans 44-33.

Bumrah reverse-swings the balance India's way after Jaiswal's double ton

The pace spearhead's six-for and Kuldeep's three-wicket haul hand the hosts a healthy 143-run lead; Anderson, Bashir and Rehan bag three each

ENGLAND IN INDIA

P.K. Ajith Kumar
VISAKHAPATNAM

Up went Jasprit Bumrah's arms in the air, his head tilted back a little. Another England wicket had fallen. That shy smile appeared on his bearded face, again.

Bumrah was sensational. His stunning spell of reverse swing swung the balance of the second Test towards India at the Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy Stadium on Saturday.

Batting a second time, India finished on 28 for no loss at stumps on the second day – that is a lead of 171. In reply to India's first innings score of 396, which was basically a solo effort from the double-centurion Yashashvi Jaiswal, England could only make 253.

The Englishmen may have been looking at a better score than that when Zak Crawley (76, 78b, 11x4, 2x6) and Ben Duckett gave them another brisk start. The dashing duo had added 59 when Duckett was dismissed by Kuldeep Yadav, who was playing his first Test since December 2022, with a ball that turned and took an edge to silly-point.

Crawley, however, was looking in ominous touch. He was involved in another promising partnership, with Ollie Pope for the second wicket.

But Crawley, while trying to hit Axar Patel out of the ground after stepping out, was out to a brilliant catch by Shreyas Iyer, who ran several yards back from backward point and timed his dive perfectly.

Clueless: Bumrah is pumped up after bowling Pope neck and crop. K.R. DEEPAK

Show begins

A little later, the Bumrah show began.

The Indian pace spearhead had earlier been hit for four fours in an over by Crawley, something you usually don't get to see. He was brought back into the attack when Joe Root walked out to the middle. Root once again was undone by his nemesis.

Bumrah made him edge to slip, where Shubman Gill took the first of his four catches. Then, in his very next over, Bumrah produced a gem to remove Pope, who scored a monumental 196 in England's come-from-behind victory at Hyderabad. On this day, the England vice-captain had no answer to the devastating yorker: his leg and middle stumps were knocked out of the ground.

Jonny Bairstow and captain Ben Stokes (47, 54b, 5x4, 1x6) managed to weather the Bumrah storm for a while. But the 30-year-old Gujarat bowler accounted for both of them, as he became the quickest Indian pacer to take 150 Test wickets.

This is his 34th Test and it was with a beauty that he created the milestone.

All Stokes could do was express his helplessness, rather eloquently with both hands, after being bowled by one that shaped in late.

Bumrah finished with six for 45 from 15.5 overs. It was his best figures at home, a result of one of the finest exhibitions of pace bowling in India, on what was a batting track.

Earlier, India resumed at 336 for six with Jaiswal unbeaten on 179. While on 191, he slog-swept Shoaib Bashir for a six over square-leg and then followed it up with a four to reach his double hundred.

His extraordinary knock (209, 290b, 19x4, 7x6) was ended by James Anderson, who also presented a masterclass of pace bowling in these challenging conditions. Anderson would, however, be overshadowed by Bumrah.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
Yashasvi Jaiswal c Bairstow b Anderson 209 *(290b, 19x4, 7x6)*, Rohit Sharma c Pope b Bashir 14 *(41b)*, Shubman Gill c Foakes b Anderson 34 *(46b, 5x4)*, Shreyas Iyer c Foakes b Hartley 27 *(59b, 3x4)*, Rajat Patidar b Rehan 32 *(72b, 3x4)*, Axar Patel c Rehan b Bashir 27 *(51b, 4x4)*, K.S. Bharat c Bashir b Rehan 17 *(23b, 2x4, 1x6)*, R. Ashwin c Foakes b Anderson 20 *(37b, 4x4)*, Kuldeep Yadav (not out) 8 *(42b)*, Jasprit Bumrah c Root b Rehan 6 *(9b, 1x4)*; Mukesh Kumar c Root b Bashir 0 (3b); Extras (lb-1, nb-1): 2; Total (in 112 overs): 396.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-40 (Rohit, 17.3 overs), 2-89 (Gill, 28.5), 3-179 (Shreyas, 50.4), 4-249 (Patidar, 71.1), 5-301 (Axar, 85.3), 6-330 (Bharat, 90.6), 7-364 (Ashwin, 100.3), 8-383 (Jaiswal, 106.5), 9-395 (Bumrah, 110.5).

ENGLAND BOWLING
Anderson 25-4-47-3, Root 14-0-71-0, Hartley 18-2-74-1, Bashir 38-1-138-3, Rehan 17-2-65-3.

ENGLAND — 1ST INNINGS
Zak Crawley c Shreyas b Axar 76 *(78b, 11x4, 2x6)*, Ben Duckett c Patidar b Kuldeep 21 *(17b ,4x4)*, Ollie Pope b Bumrah 23 *(55b, 2x4)*, Joe Root c Gill b Bumrah 5 *(10b, 1x4)*, Jonny Bairstow c Gill b Bumrah 25 *(39b, 4x4)*, Ben Stokes b Bumrah 47 *(54b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Ben Foakes b Kuldeep 6 *(10b, 1x4)*, Rehan Ahmed c Gill b Kuldeep 6 *(15b, 1x4)*, Tom Hartley c Gill b Bumrah 21 *(24b, 2x4, 1x6)*, James Anderson lbw b Bumrah 6 *(19b, 1x4)*, Shoaib Bashir (not out) 8 *(15b, 1x4)*; Extras (b-7, lb-1, nb-1): 9; Total (in 55.5 overs): 253.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-59 (Duckett, 10.2), 2-114 (Crawley, 22.3), 3-123 (Root, 25.5), 4-136 (Pope, 27.5), 5-159 (Bairstow, 35.4), 6-172 (Foakes, 38.2), 7-182 (Rehan, 42.3), 8-229 (Stokes, 49.2), 9-234 (Hartley, 51.2).

INDIA BOWLING
Bumrah 15.5-5-45-6, Mukesh 7-1-44-0, Kuldeep 17-1-71-3, Ashwin 12-0-61-0, Axar 4-0-24-1.

INDIA — 2ND INNINGS
Yashsasvi Jaiswal (batting) 15 *(17b, 3x4)*, Rohit Sharma (batting) 13 *(13b, 3x4)*; Total (for no loss in five overs): 28.

ENGLAND BOWLING
Anderson 2-0-6-0, Bashir 2-0-17-0, Rehan 1-0-5-0.

Jaiswal will be a very special player: Crawley

Sports Bureau
VISAKHAPATNAM

England opener Zak Crawley was generous in his praise of Jasprit Bumrah and Yashasvi Jaiswal after getting out on 76 on his 26th birthday.

"Bumrah bowled unbelievably well," Crawley said. "You have to hold your hand up sometimes and say that's a fantastic spell in these conditions."

"It was an unbelievable innings," Crawley said about Yashasvi Jaiswal's double ton. "He seems like a fantastic player. He is obviously going to be a very special player."

When it's reversing, you don't need magical deliveries: Bumrah

Pecking order: Bumrah said he probably learnt reverse-swing before the conventional swing. K.R. DEEPAK

P.K. Ajith Kumar
VISAKHAPATNAM

Jasprit Bumrah is special. England's batters on Saturday found out just how special.

With an incredible spell of reverse-swing, he put India in a strong position on the second day of the second Test.

After taking six for 45 in England's first innings, he said there was no need for magical balls if the ball was reverse-swinging. He did produce magic on more than one occasion, though.

"The ball was relatively hard and reversing," he said, when asked about the stunning yorker against Ollie Pope. "When the ball is reversing, you don't need to bowl magical deliveries every ball.

"I bowled a few away-going deliveries, then I was thinking what I should bowl next. Should it be a length delivery coming in or should I go for a yorker? I hadn't bowled a yorker till then so I decided to go with the yorker. It did swing a lot, the execution was good, and I was happy."

Jaiswal... double delight. K.R DEEPAK

One had to learn how to reverse-swing in India, he said. "If you want to take wickets in India, you have to learn reverse-swing," he said. "I probably learnt reverse-swing before I learnt conventional swing. You play a lot of cricket on slow wickets, you understand what you need to do."

This is only his sixth Test in India. He had taken six for 61 to help India beat South Africa at Cape Town last month.

A fighting Mohun Bagan holds East Bengal

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

Mohun Bagan SG fought back twice from being a goal down to hold traditional rival East Bengal 2-2 in an intensely contested action of the first Kolkata derby of the ISL-10, at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Saturday. Bagan had won all previous six meetings with its arch rival ever since the two started playing in the ISL.

EBFC scored in the third minute that set the tone of the highly charged contest. EBFC got its opener through the left after Nishu Kumar sent a cross that found Ajay Chhetri. The midfielder stuck his leg out to divert the ball into the net before the Bagan defence could react.

Bagan gradually clawed back into the match and found the equaliser in the 17th minute off Armando Sadiku who latched on to a Brendan Hamill floater. The action remained quite evenly contested till half-time. Sadiku could have doubled his tally in the 40th minute but the Albanian striker shot over an open goal.

Ecstatic: Mohun Bagan players celebrate after securing a draw. PTI

EBFC looked a more composed side after the break and regained the lead in the 55th minute off a penalty. Cleiton Silva found the target from the spot as the side appeared to be headed for a win.

Desperate to keep its unbeaten derby record in the ISL intact, Bagan fought back again and restored parity in the 87th minute off Dimitri Petratos.

The results: Mohun Bagan SG 2 (Sadiku 17, Petratos 87) drew with East Bengal 2 (Ajay 3, Cleiton 55-pen); Punjab FC 3 (Jordan 23, Majcen 71, Talal 77) bt Bengaluru FC 1 (Chhetri 15).

Newcastle salvages a draw with Luton

Reuters
NEWCASTLE

Newcastle United fought back from two goals down in a rollercoaster 4-4 draw against Luton Town, which stayed just outside the Premier League drop zone, at St James' Park on Saturday.

Important results: Premier League: Everton 2 (Harrison 30, Branthwaite 90+4) drew with Tottenham 2 (Richarlison 4, 41); Brighton 4 (Dunk 3, Hinshelwood 33, Buonanotte 34, Pedro 85) bt Crystal Palace 1 (Mateta 72); Burnley 2 (Fofana 71, 90+2) drew with Fulham 2 (Palhinha 18, Muniz 21); Newcastle 4 (Longstaff 7, 23, Trippier 67, Barnes 73) drew with Luton 4 (Osho 21, Barkley 40, Morris 59-pen, Adebayo 62). **LaLiga:** Valencia 2 (Duro 14, Yaremchuk 23) bt Almeria 1 (Arribas 50). **Bundesliga:** Bayern Munich 3 (Pavlovic 45, Kane 70, De Ligt 86) bt Borussia Moenchengladbach 1 (Elvedi 35);SV Darmstadt 0 lost to Bayer Leverkusen 2 (Tella 33, 52). Heidenheim 0 drew with Borussia Dortmund 0.

'Watching events live helped me give a first-hand perspective to jury'

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Somaya.

Sports Bureau

Olympic hockey gold medallist and senior Sportstar Aces Awards jury member M.M. Somaya was the deputy chef de mission for the Indian contingent at the Hangzhou Asian Games in 2023. While he calls the experience nourishing, it made life on the jury hard for the veteran.

"I was present at the Asian Games and saw so many of them perform. When you compare that with performances one has heard or read about, it's difficult to decide on a clear winner," Somaya said about the awards process this year.

"I was able to watch most of the events live. It helped me give a first-hand perspective to the jury. But then, comparing that to someone I have not seen personally made it challenging. That's where having a jury as diverse as this – where members have watched multiple sports and some are even involved in administration – makes things easy for us. In addition to that, the feedback given to us by field journalists from *The Hindu* and *Sportstar* gave us a detailed picture of how the nominees stacked up. That helped our discussions be more thorough," he added.

Somaya lauded the Indian contingent's discipline and resilience in Hangzhou as he recollected the elation of seeing India cross the century mark in the medal tally.

"At one stage, it didn't look like we'd go beyond 70 medals, our tally from the previous edition. As time went on, athletics (29 medals), shooting (22), and archery (nine) came good for us. Even disciplines like rowing and equestrian, areas where we've thought winning might be difficult, came through. I am glad they've set a benchmark. This is the inflection year. Winning so many medals is a big thing. We will be better prepared and more confident in the Olympic year," he added.

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INBRIEF

Mathews and Chandimal hit centuries, Lanka takes big lead

Angelo Mathews (141) and Dinesh Chandimal (107) scored centuries and shared 232 runs for the fourth wicket to take Sri Lanka to a strong position in the one-off Test against Afghanistan in Colombo on Saturday.

The scores: Afghanistan 198 vs Sri Lanka 410/6 (Dimuth Karunaratne 77, Angelo Mathews 141, Dinesh Chandimal 107).

LIVE TELECAST

Australia vs West Indies: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9 a.m.

India vs England: 2nd Test, day 3, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 9.30 a.m.

Ranji Trophy: Jio Cinema App, 9.30' a.m.

Sri Lanka vs Afghanistan: Only Test, day 3, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10 a.m.

Serie A: Jio Cinema App, 5, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Monday).

La Liga: Jio Cinema App, 6.30 , 8.45, 11 p.m. & Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.30 a.m. (Monday).

ISL: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7.30 & 10 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8 p.m.

Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8 & 10 p.m.

New Zealand vs South Africa: 1st Test, day 2, Prime Video, 3.30 a.m. (Monday).

Ramkumar and Balaji give India a 2-0 lead

Yuki and Saketh will now look to seal the tie against Pakistan when they take on Muzammil and Barkat in the third match on Sunday

DAVIS CUP

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ISLAMABAD

Clutch: Ramkumar turned things around in style after going down in the first set. PTI

India blunted Pakistan's challenge on the opening day to take a 2-0 lead in the Davis Cup World Group I play-off tie with Ramkumar Ramanathan and N. Sriram Balaji rising to the occasion here on Saturday.

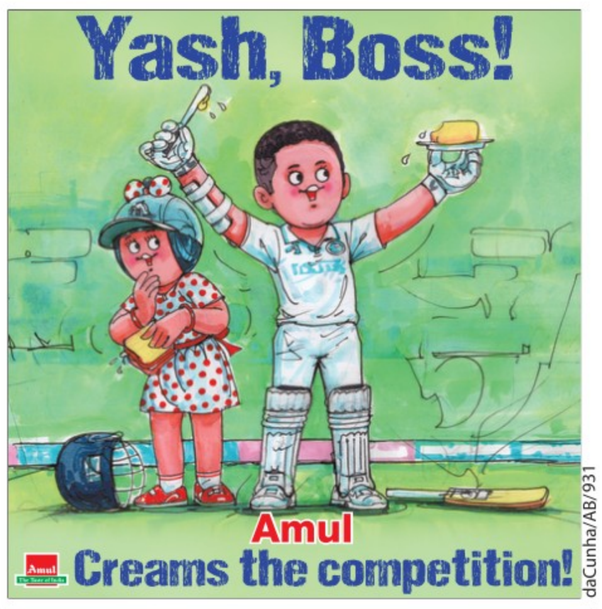
A fired-up Aisam-ul-haq Qureshi gave his all in a tight opening singles but the intensity of the match and tough conditions took a toll on him as he suffered a hamstring injury in the third set, which prevented a close finish to a hard-fought contest. Ramkumar served extremely well in the match and also returned better in the second set to prevail 6-7(3) 7-6(4), 6-0 while 43-year-old Aisam served 10 double faults in the match.

Ramkumar's strong serving and percentage tennis was key to the outcome of the match. He served nine games at love, keeping the points short and crisp.

Down by a set, Ramkumar wriggled out of a tough situation when he was down 15-40 in game eight of the second set and never looked back in the match in which he fired 20 aces.

Balaji was challenged by Aqeel Khan, but the Indian defeated the veteran Pakistani player 7-5, 6-3 in the rain-hit match. India is now one win away from advancing to the World Group I.

The result:
India 2 vs Pakistan 0
(Ramkumar Ramanathan bt Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi 6-7(3), 7-6(4), 6-0; Sriram Balaji bt Aqeel Khan 7-5, 6-3).



Ashmita Chaliha bows out in semifinals

THAILAND MASTERS

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BANGKOK

Ashmita Chaliha's impressive run came to an end, as she lost in straight games to local player Supanida Katethong in the women's semifinals of the Thailand Masters Super 300 badminton on Saturday.

The 24-year-old Ashmita from Guwahati suffered a 13-21, 12-21 loss to World No. 17 Supanida

The battle between the two left-handed shuttlers turned out to be a one-sided affair as Thailand's Supanida moved to a comfortable 8-3 lead and kept charging ahead to take the opening game.

The second game was a similar story as Ashmita could manage to make it 6-7 before falling apart as Supanida reeled off nine of the next 10 points to take the match beyond the Indian shuttler's reach.

Sunil clinches 87kg Greco-Roman crown

NATL. WRESTLING

Y. B. Sarangi
JAIPUR

Gyanender, right, in action against Suraj in the 60kg final. Y.B. SARANGI

Asian Games bronze medalist Sunil Kumar steamrollered Manoj Kumar to post a 9-1 win and claim the 87kg crown in the Greco-Roman competitions on the opening day of the National wrestling championships here on Saturday.

Asserting his class, Sunil, a former Asian champion, used his impressive power and firm grip to push Manoj out and draw first blood.

Manoj drew level because of Sunil's passivity.

Nevertheless, Sunil again regained the lead by pushing Manoj out and then rolled him to take the gold. Gyanender overcame a late charge from former World cadet champion Suraj to record a narrow 3-2 win in the 60kg final.

Gyanender rode on a takedown to lead 3-0 after the first period. Suraj used the referral system well to deny Gyanender a further two-point advantage and narrowed the gap to 3-2.

Gyanender staved off a strong challenge from Suraj in the final minute to emerge as the champion.

The medallists: Greco-Roman: **55kg:** 1. Vishwajit (Mah), 2. Sanjeev (MP), 3. Rohit Yadav (RSPB), Manjeet (SSCB); **60kg:** 1. Gyanender (SSCB), 2. Suraj (Har), 3. Vikram Kurade (RSPB), Pravin (Mah). **63kg:** 1. Sunny Kumar (Har), 2. Shamsher Singh (Pun), 3. Umesh (Del), Sandeep Kumar (Ukd); **67kg:** 1. Ashu (RSPB), 2. Sachin Sehrawat (Pun), 3. Vinayak Patil (SSCB), Vinay (Tri). **72kg:** 1. Kuldeep Malik (RSPB), 2. Sameer (Mah), 3. Vishal (Har), Ankit Gulia (SSCB); **77kg:** 1. Vikas (RSPB), 2. Karan (Guj), 3. Tarun (Pud), Rahul (SSCB). **82kg:** 1. Rahit Dahiya (RSPB), 2. Neeraj (Del), 3. Shivaji (Mah), Lovepreet Singh (Pun); **87kg:** 1. Sunil Kumar (RSPB), 2. Manoj Kumar (Har), 3. Rohit Bura (MP), Ravinder Khatri (SSCB). **97kg:** 1. Nitesh (RSPB), 2. Kapil (Pud), 3. Narinder Cheema (Pun), Sunil (Chd); **130kg:** 1. Naveen (SSCB), 2. Hardeep (RSPB), 3. Tushar (Mah), Mehr Singh (Guj).

Middle-order batters extend Railways' lead to 190

RANJI TROPHY

Anish Pathiyil
SURAT

The Karnataka bowling attack was made to work for its wickets by the Railways middle-order during an attritional second day of play in the Ranji Trophy encounter here on Saturday.

The Railways' batters battled through two and a half sessions to put up 209 for eight in the second innings, after conceding a 19-run lead to Karnataka.

Walking into bat in a precarious situation in the morning, Karnataka batters Srinivas Sharath and Kishan Bedare endured a testing spell from left-arm spinner Akash Pandey (five for 63).

Stationed at silly point, Rishabh Mishra was in his element, continuously chirping at the two batters and it was Mishra who completed the catch to send Sharath back for 24. Akash completed his five-for soon, going through the gate of Bedare. V. Vyshak added a few runs at the end to manage a slender lead. Opener Mishra fell for a pair on his debut, playing across a full ball from Vidwath Kaverappa to be trapped in front in the first over.

Gritty knock: Saif, who had retired hurt after scoring 46, came back to bat and is unbeaten at 51. VIJAY SONEJI

The aggression trickled into the second innings, with the umpires forced to have a word with Sharath following his verbal duel with Railways captain Pratham Singh.

Pratham and Mohammad Saif (51 n.o., 107b, 4x4, 1x6) carried on from where they left off in the first innings, combining for a 69-run stand.

A drop in the energy levels after lunch resulted in a few overthrows and missed chances, including Manish Pandey dropping Saif at short-mid-wicket off Hardik Raj.

With Saif being forced to retire hurt on 46, suffering from dizziness following his sojourn, Suraj Ahuja (48, 68b, 5x4, 1x6) batted with intent, taking the attack to the bowlers during his cameo. But, a flurry of wickets in the last hour forced Saif to return to the crease and keep guard till stumps with the team leading by 190 runs heading into day three.

The scores:
Railways – 1st innings: 155
Karnataka – 1st innings: R. Samarth c Ahuja b Akash Pandey 22, D. Nischal c Ahuja b Sangwan 20, K.V. Aneesh c Pratham b Chaudhary 27, Nikin Jose c Ahuja b Akash Pandey 0, Manish Pandey lbw b Chaudhary 18, Hardik Raj lbw b Akash Pandey 1, Kishan Bedare b Akash Pandey 17, Srinivas Sharath c Mishra b Akash Pandey 24, V. Vyshak c Ahuja b Chaudhary 24, Vidwath Kaverappa c Yuvraj b Chaudhary 2, V. Koushik (not out) 7; Extras: (b-12) 12; Total (in 50.5 overs): 174.
Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-57, 3-57, 4-83, 5-88, 6-90, 7-132, 8-137, 9-167.
Railways bowling: Yuvraj 7-1-27-0, Sangwan 9-2-33-1, Akash Pandey 19-4-63-5, Chaudhary 15.5-2-39-4.
Railways – 2nd innings: Vivek Singh lbw b Koushik 13, Rishabh Mishra lbw b Kaverappa 0, Pratham Singh c Koushik b Vyshak 33, Mohammad Saif (batting) 51, Sahab Yuvraj Singh b Samarth 28, Suraj Ahuja lbw b Vyshak 48, Ashutosh Sharma c Bedare b Kaverappa 1, Yuvraj Singh lbw b Hardik 13, Akash Pandey c sub (Shashikumar) b Vyshak 8, Ayan Chaudhary (batting) 1; Extras: (b-6, lb-7) 13; Total (for eight wkts. in 62 overs): 209.
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-13, 3-82, 4-126, 5-156, 6-188, 7-198, 8-204.
Karnataka bowling: Kaverappa 14-4-35-2, Koushik 11-3-31-1, Samarth 10-1-32-1, Vyshak 12-0-45-3, Hardik 15-1-53-1.

RANJI TROPHY SCORES, ROUND 5, DAY 2

Anmolpreet Singh (Punjab, 205 batting). FILE PHOTO

Elite: Group A: At Jamshedpur: Manipur 170 vs. Jharkhand 473/5 in 117 overs (Utkarsh Singh 116, V. Vishal 48, Virat Singh 48, Saurabh Tiwary 105 batting, Anukul Roy 97 batting).
Rohtak: Services 108 in 52 overs (A.P. Sharma 41 n.o., Aman Kumar 5/36) & 78/4 in 21.3 overs (Rajat Paliwal 50 batting) vs. Haryana 103 in 39.2 overs.
Solapur: Saurashtra 202 & 164 in 43.2 overs (Chirag Jani 43, Jaydev Unadkat 45, H.A. Walunj 8/70) vs. Maharashtra 159 in 45.4 overs (D.A. Jadeja 4/61) & 104/5 in 27 overs.
Jaipur: Rajasthan 432 in 130.2 overs (M.J. Suthar 46, S.F. Khan 52, Deepak Hooda 77, A.B. Kookna 83) vs. Vidarbha 140/2 in 41 overs (Y.V. Rathod 68 batting).
Group B: Kolkata: Mumbai 412 in 94.3 overs (Suryansh Shedge 71, Shivam Dube 72, Tanush Kotian 67, Atharva Ankolekar 46, Royston Dias 46 n.o.) vs. Bengal 199 in 56 overs (Anustup Majumdar 108 n.o.).
Patna: Bihar 182 vs. Andhra 313/5 in 86 overs (U.M.S. Girinath 41, Ricky Bhui 58, S.K. Rasheed 76 batting).
Raipur: Kerala 350 in 110.1 overs (Rohan Prem 54, Sachin Baby 91, Sanju Samson 57, Vishnu Vinod 40, Mohammed Azharuddeen 85, Ashish Chouhan 5/100) vs Chhattisgarh 100/4 in 44 overs (Sanjeet Desai 50 batting).
Kanpur: UP 548/8 decl. in 128.3 overs (Aryan Juyal 201, Karan Sharma 208, Aksh Deep Nath 53, Prince Yadav 46, Mrinmoy Dutta 4/116) vs. Assam 116/0 in 39 overs (Parvej Musaraf 53 batting, Rahul Hazarika 51 batting).
Group C: Ahmedabad: Tripura 146 & 330/9 in 77 overs (Bikram Kumar Das 82, Sudip Chatterjee 46, M.B. Mur Singh 72, Sankar Paul 50 batting, S.A. Desai 6/107) vs. Gujarat 172 in 49.3 overs (Sunpreet Bagga 42, Kshitij Patel 46, Parvez Sultan 7/58).
Surat: Railways 155 & 209/8 in 62 overs (Mohammed Saif 51 batting, S.A. Ahuja 48) vs. Karnataka 174 in 50.5 overs (Akash Pandey 5/63, Ayan Chaudhari 4/39).
Chandigarh: Punjab 477/2 in 107 overs (Naman Dhir 86, Anmolpreet Singh 205 batting, Prabhsimran Singh 171 batting) vs. Chandigarh.
Porvorim: Goa 241 & 10/0 in 4 overs vs. Tamil Nadu 273 in 90.2 overs (Narayan Jagadeesan 75, Pradosh Ranjan Paul 71, Vijay Shankar 54, Darshan Mishal 4/77).
Group D: Cuttack: Odisha 322 in 120.2 overs (Shantanu Mishra 40, Sandeep Pattanaik 44, Govinda Poddar 80, Biplab Samantaray 82, Aashirwad Swain 40, Gourav Yadav 5/69) vs. Pondicherry 127/4 in 43 overs (K.B. Arun Karthick 77 batting).
Delhi: Baroda 400/5 in 138 overs (J.K. Singh 215 batting, Shashwat Rawat 72. Shivalik Sharma 45) vs. Delhi.
Dharamshala: Himachal 169 vs. MP 68/4 in 27 overs.
Jammu: J&K 168/2 in 39 overs vs. Uttarakhand.

Indian women begin campaign with loss against China

PRO LEAGUE HOCKEY

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One bright moment: Indian players celebrate after scoring the opener against China. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Indian women began their FIH Pro League 2023-24 campaign on a losing note, going down 2-1 to China at the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, on Saturday.

This was India's first loss in the Pro League to the Chinese in three games. India took the lead in the 15th minute through a diving deflection by Vandana Katariya that proved why she is rated so highly and was missed so much during the Olympic Qualifiers recently.

But a brilliant slap shot by Wen Dan in the 40th minute and a penalty corner rebound goal by veteran Bingfeng Gu saw China walk away with three points.

The Chinese clearly were the more disciplined side both in attack and defence, controlling the pace and the space of the game. India had its chances, but its efforts were off-target often and there was a clear lack of coordination between the players.

In another game, Paul van Ass-coached Netherlands team ran riot against the USA, winning 7-0.

The results:

Netherlands 7 (Pien Dicke 4, Yibbi Jansen 2, Luna Fokke) bt USA 0; China 2 (Wen Dan, Bingfeng Gu) bt India 1 (Vandana Katariya).

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Massive win for Karnataka against Manipur

Niki Prasad top-scored with 152 as Karnataka registered a mammoth 341-run victory over Manipur in the BCCI U-23 Women's One Day Trophy in Kolkata.

The scores: Karnataka 389/4 in 50 overs (Roshini Kiran 77, Niki Prasad 152, Shishira A. Gowda 27, Mithila Vinod 68 n.o., T.H. Mangalsana 3/71) bt Manipur 48 in 37.3 (Aditi Bakka 3/15, M. Pooja Kumari 3/2).

Atharv sizzles with the ball

Atharv Deshpande starred for Karnataka (6/7 & 6/14) as it thrashed Pondicherry by an innings and 159 runs in an under-14 boys South Zone cricket match in Goa.

The scores: Karnataka 301/4 decl. in 63 overs (Chavanth R. Gowda 41, S.N. Avaneesha 39, Syaamantak Anirudh 58, Aaryansinh Chavda 38, J. Sukruth 80 n.o., Aditya Jha 37 n.o.) bt Pondicherry 39 in 22.4 overs (Om Agarwalla 3/11, Atharv Deshpande 6/7) & 103 in 64.2 overs (Naveen Vijayaraj 38, Atharv Deshpande 6/14).

Victorious: Alchemy Intl FA won the BDFA U-17 Boys Knockout Football Tournament. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

DPS, South pips St. Joseph's BHS

DPS, South eked out a narrow two-wicket win over St. Joseph's BHS in the super league stage of the BTR Shield U-14 (Group I) first division tournament.

Niki Prasad (Karnataka, 152).

The scores: Vidyashilp Academy 133 in 41.5 overs (Yuvaan Porwal 35, Arush Jain 3/6, Akshaj Kathuria 3/18) lost to DPS, East 134/1 in 26.4 overs (Shahan Shadab 53, Abhinav Kulkarni 56 n.o.).

St. Joseph's BHS 207/8 in 50 overs (Prabhav Pydah 56, Ryan Aaron Minj 63 n.o.) lost to DPS, South 208/8 in 49.4 overs (Rachit Das 31, S. Swarit Nandan 39, Samarth Rathish 29, Aakash Suresh 33, M. Sumith Kumar Jain 3/26).

Max Muller HS 140 in 41.5 overs (Neeraj M. Kulkarni 41 n.o., Niyanta Santosh Kulkarni 4/37) bt Jain Heritage School 114 in 38.1 overs (D. Ekaansh 25, R. Vismay Krishna 3/19).

Presidency, RT Nagar 258/8 in 50 overs (Niranjan Ashok 60, Mohammed Shamsheer 26, D. Sanju Kumar 59, Aaryan Nagesh 26 n.o., Suvik Gill 3/39) bt Ebenezer IS 87 in 35.2 overs (Sai Teja Thokala 25).

Alchemy Intl FA clinches title

Besterly Ksih scored a 42nd minute goal as Alchemy Intl FA edged out Belgaum United FC 1-0 to win the first edition of the BDFA U-17 Boys Knockout Football Tournament on Saturday.

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